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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
RM

Attached are eleven copies of an LHM covering SCLC plans for a Black Easter in Cincinnati as announced by Reverend OTIS MOSS, JR., Regional Director of SCLC, and the Reverend T. Y. ROGERS, Atlanta, National Coordinator of the observation.

Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy of above-described LHM. Copies also Disseminated to 109th MIG, NISO, OSI, USSS and USA, All Cincinnati.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Cincinnati, Ohio
March 17, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PLANS BLACK EASTER

The March 12, 1969, issue of the "Cincinnati Enquirer", daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cincinnati area, carried an article captioned, "SCLC Plans Black Easter for 2d Year". The article reads, "The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) here is sponsoring another 'Black Easter' boycott in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., slain civil rights leaders and founding president of SCLC. 'We are asking all good persons of good will and commitment not to buy new clothes but wear old clothes for new dignity', says the Reverend Otis Moss, Jr., SCLC Regional Director here and Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Lockland." OHio

"'We call upon the black community to observe Black Easter through the use of economic, spiritual and educational resources for the improvement and liberation of black people, rather than the superficial decoration of our bodies.'

"The SCLC is planning a three-day observance in memory of Dr. King. A commemoration service will be held Friday evening at a time and place still to be selected.

"Saturday, April 5, has been designated Day of Personal Service and will include visitation of those sick and in prison and orphanages.

"Easter Sunday will be observed as 'A Sacrificial Easter - the resurrection of creative concern - not colorful clothes.'"

Attached is a copy of a similar clipping from the same newspaper, issue of March 13, 1969.

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FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SUBJECT: COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 4/4/69
RACIAL MATTERS

To recommend that instructions be sent to all offices to closely follow plans of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to conduct demonstrations to commemorate the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Since King's death on 4/4/68 the SCLC has been beset by problems including the debacle at Resurrection City when it lost control there, inept leadership, internal dissension [redacted] The organization has been considering a number of ways to commemorate King's death and the New Left and antiwar groups have been involved in some of the planning. Reports of black extremist participation have been received. Frequently changing plans include a vigil at the United Nations in New York; school walkouts; boycotts; a tag day to raise funds for the SCLC; "days of confrontation" in 30 cities, to be decided later, concerning alleged injustices; and petitions to make King's birthday a national holiday. Ralph Abernathy, King's successor, has said the demonstrations are to serve as the kickoff to the second phase of the Poor People's Campaign, the civil disobedience campaign held in Washington, D. C., last Spring. Because of the diverse influences in these plans and the lack of leadership, a very real danger exists that violence will result.

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We have kept the White House, the Attorney General, and interested agencies advised of developments as they occur.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be sent to all offices to insure that all facets of this matter are fully covered.

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[redacted] one copy of which is enclosed to Atlanta.

Atlanta check sources concerning the possibility of a name change for captioned organization. Submit a letterhead memorandum if this information is verified by other sources.

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[redacted] reported that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is in the process of changing its name to obtain a more national image or scope. The new name has not yet been selected. Atlanta, the office or origin, is being instructed to check this information.

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DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,
APRIL 4, 1969
RACIAL MATTERS

(OO: Memphis)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are also designated for other listed offices. 100-438794-✓

Local authorities have been advised regarding proposed memorial march and copies of the enclosed LHM are being furnished to U. S. Attorneys at Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee; to U. S. Secret Service, Memphis; to 111th MI Group, Third Army, Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee; to NISO, Charleston, North Carolina, and Memphis, Tennessee; to OSI, 8th District, Maxwell AFB, Alabama; to OSI, 9th District, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana; and to G-2, Third Army, Ft. McPherson, Georgia.

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ALL OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS AIRTEL are requested to contact logical racial informants and sources of information and ascertain plans of local SCLC groups or other organizations regarding their plans to take part in captioned memorial march. Sources should also be contacted regarding information concerning the "Poor Peoples March" on Washington, D. C., scheduled to begin 4/4/69, also at Memphis, Tennessee.

JACKSON AND LITTLE ROCK DIVISIONS

Will maintain contact with local transportation companies for any information re leasing or renting of buses to transport persons to Memphis, Tennessee, for local memorial march or to transport persons to Washington, D. C., for the proposed "Poor Peoples" march on Washington.

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Will maintain contact with logical sources and furnish all information available re proposed marches.

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Memphis, Tennessee
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Re: MEMORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING
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TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,
APRIL 4, 1969
RACIAL MATTERS

On March 13, 1969, Jesse Epps, International Representative of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), and the Reverend James Lawson, Pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, held a press conference at Memphis, Tennessee, at which press conference Jesse Epps announced that a memorial march will be held through downtown Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1969, the first anniversary of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Epps stated that the Memphis march will begin at the same time as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)-sponsored "Poor People's March" to Washington, D. C., which was announced in Miami, Florida, on March 12, 1969, by the Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President of the SCLC.

Epps stated that Coretta King, widow of Dr. King, and the Reverend Abernathy are among those invited to attend the beginning of this march at Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Epps stated that when the marchers arrive at the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King was killed, they will place a wreath at a large picture of Dr. King, and observe a minute of silence.

Page one of the April 14, 1968, issue of the "Commercial Appeal," a local daily newspaper at Memphis, Tennessee, reflected the following article entitled, "Good Friday March to Honor King":

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"A memorial march will be held through downtown Memphis on April 4, first anniversary of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King. On the same day, another 'Poor Peoples' march to Washington will originate here.

"They are not related, said Jesse Epps, international representative of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), when he announced the local march yesterday.

"The Washington march had been announced Wednesday night in a Miami speech by the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, successor to Dr. King as leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"The announcements were made separately, but Memphis planners were looking for harmony. 'We will not try to stand in conflict,' said the Rev. James Lawson, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church and a civil rights leader. 'It will be one single happening.'

"Mr. Epps and the Rev. Mr. Lawson were close-mouthed about details of the Memphis march, but in Washington, Jerry Wurf, president of the AFSCME, said it would begin at Clayborn Temple, go by the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King was killed, and proceed to City Hall.

"At City Hall, political, union, and church leaders are expected to speak. Mr. Epps said Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Dr King, and the Rev. Mr. Abernathy are among those invited.

"When the marchers arrive at the motel, they will place a wreath at a large picture of Dr. King and observe a minute of silence.

"The Rev. Mr. Lawson said the march is not connected with the conviction Monday of James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty to killing Dr. King and has started serving a 99-year sentence. 'This is just to bring about changes that Memphis and the nation must have.'

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"Dr. H. Ralph Jackson, director of the Minimum Salary Department of the AME Church and vice chairman of Community on the Move for Equality (COME), conducted the Washington press conference with Mr. Wurf and said caravans from other cities, particularly those in which employees are organized, will move into Memphis for the march. Dr. Jackson added that COME will furnish 24 buses to bring marchers from Marks, Miss.; Fayette County, Tenn.; and areas in Arkansas.

"He will meet Monday, he said, with Frank Holloman, fire and police director, to secure the necessary permits.

"Bayard Rustin, who co-ordinated the Washington march in 1963, agreed last week to direct the Memphis march.

"Mr. Wurf said he did not feel there would be a problem getting time off for city-employed union members, calling attention to April 4 being Good Friday which many consider a holiday. 'Let me assure you there will be no shutdown of critical public services,' he added.

"Announcing the national march, the Rev. Mr. Abernathy said he will personally lead it, calling it the second chapter of the 'Poor Peoples Campaign.' Without elaborating, he said the march will include a 'Black Easter' celebration enroute to Washington.

"'I do not anticipate the building of a Resurrection City as such,' the Rev. Mr. Abernathy told the Miami audience, 'but we do intend to use our First Amendment rights of orderly and peacefully petitioning the President as well as the Congress for redress of our grievances.'"

[redacted] that no plans have been formulated by the local SCLC organization regarding either the memorial march commemorating the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to be held at Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1969, or the "Poor Peoples March" on Washington, D. C., which has been announced as beginning at Memphis, Tennessee, also on April 4, 1969.

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[redacted] that no arrangements have been made at Memphis, Tennessee, to obtain buses to transport persons to Washington, D. C., on or about April 4, 1969. b1

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-3660)

SUBJECT: COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 4/4/69
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O Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 3/13/69, captioned as above, and Atlanta airtel and LHM, 3/14/69, captioned COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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(1 - 100-6351) (CORETTA KING)
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AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER: [redacted] ISP [redacted], RAC INT SEC
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BY: [redacted]

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On March 18, 1969, the final edition of the Atlanta Journal, daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 1 through 12, published an article entitled "SCLC to Give Larger Role to Mrs. King" bylined Jack Nelson of the Los Angeles Times News Service. [redacted]

This article in part explained that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had decided that Coretta Scott King, widow of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, SCLC, would become more active in the organization - - "because of her symbolic value" to the civil rights movement and because of rumors that dissent in the organization threatened the position as President, SCLC, of Ralph D. Abernathy. [redacted]

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On March 21, 1969, the final edition of the Atlanta Journal on Page 22A, published under the caption "Letters to the Editors", a telegram from "Ralph David Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference". Abernathy's telegram was set forth under the heading "Abernathy Denies His SCLC Role Shaky". In this telegram Abernathy denied having told Jack Nelson most of the items published in the March 18, 1969 edition of the Atlanta Journal. He stated he had not said Coretta King would become more active in SCLC in order to strengthen his own position as President, SCLC [redacted]

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Atlanta, Georgia

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Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of an LHM in captioned matter, reflecting the views of HARCOURT KLINEFELTER, a former associate of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., who claims to be a member of SCLC. Two copies of LHM are enclosed for Atlanta.

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AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted] DEPT. SEC.

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New Haven, Connecticut

March 26, 1969

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The "New Britain Herald," a newspaper printed in New Britain, Connecticut, on page 3 of its edition of February 20, 1969, carried an item headed, "SCLC Aide at Central: Non-Violence and Integration: Resisting With the Other Cheek."

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

HARCOURT KLINEFELTER, former associate of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was quoted as saying "I'm not afraid. We all have to die sometime. And the cause of the black man, human rights is something worth dying for." The talk by KLINEFELTER was given at Central Connecticut State College, February 19, 1969.

The article went on to furnish the following information:

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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An article published February 21, 1969, on page 32 of The Atlanta Constitution, daily Atlanta newspaper, entitled "SCLC Opens State Office on Auburn Avenue," reflected this office located in Room 56, 250 Auburn Avenue is under the direction of James Sesley.

The current Atlanta Telephone Directory reflects 250 Auburn Avenue to be the address of the Georgia Voters League.

The Atlanta Daily World, daily Atlanta Negro newspaper, on March 14, 1959, published an article entitled, "Georgia Voters League Plans Macon Meeting." This article described the Georgia Voters League as a nonpartisan political action group devoted to the promotion of voter registration.

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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop

The Attorney General

April 7, 1969

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. Glass
1 - Mr. Fulton

Director, FBI

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Previous information has been furnished to you concerning the communist influence in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization of the late Martin Luther King, Jr. I thought you would be interested in the following additional information furnished by a source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past. (U)

On March 25, 1969, Andrew Young, Executive Vice President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, discussed with Stanley Levison the possibility of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference sponsoring a boycott of 1970 automobiles by all blacks and unnamed white peace groups to "shake the establishment" and unite the two groups. The month of June, 1969, was mentioned by Young as the time to announce the proposed boycott. (S)

Levison, who has been an advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and his widow, has been identified as a secret member of the Communist Party as late as 1963. (S)

This information is being furnished to the Honorable Henry A. Kissinger at the White House. (U)

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

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The Attorney General

NOTE:

This letter is classified "Secret" since data contained therein is from a sensitive source, the unauthorized disclosure of which might jeopardize the source and be prejudicial to the national defense interests. (U)

Data contained in the letter was furnished in New York letterhead memorandum dated 4/1/69 captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Internal Security - Communist" which was furnished to the Director with an informative note. (U)

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:
- ☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
- ☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
- ☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

From: SAC, SAVANNAH (157-1419) (P)

Subject: PROPOSED MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, VIDALIA, GEORGIA, 3/22/69

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Copies furnished to 111th MIG, Savannah, Ga. and Secret Service, Atlanta, Ga.

LEAD:

SAVANNAH DIVISION:

AT VIDALIA, GEORGIA:

Will follow and determine if any further marches or protests are made.

AGENCY: CRD, [redacted], IIU, [redacted], CD, ACSI, OSI, SS

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DATE FORM: APR 2 1969 ICC

BY: [redacted] ICC

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ACTION: UACB:

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1 - Atlanta (Info) (Enc 1) (RM)
3 - Savannah
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- ☐ No further action being taken and
- ☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA
- ☐ LHM being submitted
- ☐ Report being submitted
- ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
- ☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Savannah, Georgia
March 24, 1969

PROPOSED MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, VIDALIA, GEORGIA, MARCH 22, 1969

On March 24, 1969, [redacted] advised that on March 22, 1969, approximately 200 to 300 Negroes participated in a protest demonstration march in Vidalia, Georgia. He advised that this march began at a Negro baseball field and they proceeded in an orderly manner to an empty lot in Vidalia, Georgia, where a short rally was held. He stated that a speech was made by a Negro individual believed to be Reuben Gamble, Southern Christian Leadership Conference worker, from Dublin, Georgia, after which the group marched back to the baseball field and dispersed. b7D

[redacted] advised that this march was held in an orderly manner and no arrests were made.

The 111th Military Intelligence Group, Savannah, Georgia, and Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia, both advised of above facts.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 4/4/69

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (100-18526)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
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The above is submitted for intelligence value and may be borne in mind by the Atlanta Office in its coverage of SCLC Headquarters.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC
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(OO: ATLANTA)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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The following information was received from ELSUR (classify "Secret") on 4/1/69, and is being submitted airtel and not a LHM because it pertains to the Bureau:

On 4/1/69, CORETTA KING and STANLEY LEVISON discussed CORETTA's press conference the previous day. CORETTA stated that she is going to cancel everything during April except the "28th Memorial" and an SCLC meeting in order to do the manuscript (probably her book on M. L. KING.)

They also discussed the possibility of CHAUNCEY (probably CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, SCLC legal advisor in Chicago) instituting a suit for CORETTA against JAMES EARL RAY for the approximately $175,000 RAY may make on material of his, (KING's). LEVISON was opposed to this action.

3-Bureau (RM)
2-Atlanta (100-5718) (RM)
1-Chicago (INFO) (RM)
1-New York (100-111180) (S. LEVISON)
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CORETTA stated that CHAUNCEY said the evidence he has shows RAY as the lone killer of M. L. KING, that there is no evidence that anyone else was involved. She added that CHAUNCEY said this is in the FBI file. CORETTA said she told CHAUNCEY that "you know HOOVER has been out to get MARTIN for years. Do you think they would have it in the file?" CORETTA further claimed that she told CHAUNCEY that she does not trust HOOVER and does not trust the FBI. She said "They (FBI) have been following MARTIN around the South for years. And they know everything."

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CORETTA also mentioned that CHAUNCEY, who is representing MOHAMMED ALI, said the one conversation "they" said had to do with internal security might have been with MARTIN. She stated that CHAUNCEY had said that he (ALI) did have conversations with MARTIN. CORETTA repeated that she told CHAUNCEY she does not have faith in the FBI files and does not know "how they can get away with it."

CORETTA mentioned letters she has been receiving. She said one stated she should not push for January 15 being made a national holiday because persons have "so much stuff" on MARTIN and will expose it. She added that M. L. KING's public image was different from his private image and the letter listed individuals he was involved with.

LEVISON said he knows some of the individuals listed in the letter. CORETTA replied that if she was a weak-minded person it could upset her.

Domestic Intelligence Division

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4-3-69

Attached information is from sensitive coverage on Stanley Levison, identified as a secret member of the Communist Party as late as 1963. He was advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., and now to King's widow, Coretta, with whom this conversation took place. The information concerning Cassius Clay undoubtedly refers to anticipated court proceedings against Clay, who was tried and convicted in Houston, Texas, for failure to submit to induction into the armed forces. [S]

The significance of the "28th Memorial" is not known. The Atlanta and New York Offices have been instructed to attempt to ascertain the significance of the "28th Memorial." [U]

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FROM MOBILE (100-1396)

DISRUPTION AT MOBILE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE, MOBILE, ALABAMA, BEGINNING APRIL ONE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE. RM STAG.

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ADVISED ON APRIL THREE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE INFORMATION RECEIVED THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY DEMONSTRATIONS OR MARCH BY STUDENTS OF MOBILE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE THIS DATE.

DURING AFTERNOON OF APRIL THREE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, OBSERVATION OF COLLEGE CAMPUS REVEALED NO STUDENT ACTIVITY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL THREE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE AND LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM SAME DATE.

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ADDITIONAL LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM IS BEING SUBMITTED. P.

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cc-Mr. Wells

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TO: DIRECTOR (~~100-445048~~)

FROM: MOBILE (100-1396)

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DISRUPTION AT MOBILE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE, MOBILE, ALABAMA, BEGINNING APRIL ONE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE. RM. STAG.

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ON APRIL THREE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, [redacted] ADVISED COLLEGE PRESIDENT, [redacted]

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DR. S. D. BISHOP, CALLED A GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR TEN AM 4/2/59 OF STUDENT BODY, CONSISTING OF ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED NEGRO STUDENTS. BISHOP INTENDED TO TELL STUDENTS THAT STUDENTS WOULD HAVE HOLIDAY ON THURSDAY, APRIL THREE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, AS REQUESTED, AS WELL AS ON APRIL FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN GRANTED. PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT, LOCKETT TOOK MICROPHONE FROM DR. BISHOP AND TALKED CONCERNING POOR FACILITIES AT COLLEGE. BISHOP CALLED POLICE, BUT LOCKETT LEFT BEFORE POLICE'S ARRIVAL.

AFTER LOCKETT LEFT CAMPUS, DR. BISHOP INSTRUCTED STUDENTS TO RETURN TO CLASSES. A NUMBER OF STUDENTS FAILED TO DO SO, AND DR. BISHOP SUSPENDED CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. [redacted] ADVISED SCHOOL IS NOT CLOSED, AS INSTRUCTORS ARE ALL ON DUTY TODAY, ALTHOUGH CLASSES ARE SUSPENDED. b7D

THE MOBILE REGISTER, A DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED AT MOBILE, ALABAMA ON APRIL THREE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, REPORTED LOCKETT HAD CALLED A MEETING OF INTERESTED STUDENTS FROM THE COLLEGE FOR APRIL THREE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, AND HE SAID HE WOULD LEAD A DELEGATION THIS WEEKEND TO ALABAMA GOVERNOR ALBERT BREWER TO

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[redacted] ADVISED ON APRIL THREE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE THAT, FOLLOWING A MEETING OF NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZED WORKERS (NOW), A MOBILE, ALABAMA GROUP AFFILIATED WITH SCLC, ON NIGHT OF 4/2/69 THERE WERE INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE MARCH OR OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS BY STUDENTS OF MOBILE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE DURING DAY OF APRIL THREE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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LOCAL MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE BEING KEPT INFORMED.

MATTER IS BEING FOLLOWED, AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM IS BEING SUBMITTED. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 3/20/69 and Buiet to Atlanta, 3/27/69.

As of 4/2/69, Atlanta sources stated no information had come to their attention indicating that SCLC contemplates a change of name.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC
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(OO:Atlanta)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven (11) copies of a LHM containing information from [redacted] on 3/25/69, concerning a possible boycott of 1970 cars by the SCLC and peace groups. [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
April 1, 1969

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Correspondence DATE 12/29/72 WDS

Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
Internal Security-Communist

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, ascertained on March 25, 1969, that on that date Stanley Levison and Andrew Young, SCLC Executive Vice President, discussed the possibility of an SCLC boycott of the 1970 automobiles.

Young related that he has been considering a boycott of 1970 cars by all blacks and that he believes they should be able to get the peace groups (unnamed) to join this action. Young feels the only way to shake the establishment is by a boycott and he pointed to what they boycott accomplished in France in two weeks time.

Levison cautioned Young to keep in mind the fact that Negro income has gone up, that many more Negroes are working, and that they might get a good response.

Young maintained that only a boycott of this type would unite blacks and the whites peace groups. He said he would announce this proposed boycott in June, 1969, but would do nothing until he discussed it with Levison.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date April 3, 1969

Attached indicates that Andrew Young, Executive Vice President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Stanley Levison are considering an SCLC-sponsored boycott of 1970 automobiles by all blacks and unnamed white peace groups to shake the establishment. Levison has been identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963 and an advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., and his widow. [S]

This information will be furnished to Dr. Kissinger at the White House, the Attorney General, and other interested agencies. [U]

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1 - Mr. [illegible]ch
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan

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BY LIAISON
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. Glass
1 - Mr. Fulton

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Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Dr. Kissinger:

Previous information has been furnished to you on March 28, 1969, concerning the communist influence in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization of the late Martin Luther King, Jr. I thought you would be interested in the following additional information furnished by a source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

On March 25, 1969, Andrew Young, Executive Vice President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, discussed with Stanley Levison the possibility of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference sponsoring a boycott of 1970 automobiles by all blacks and unnamed white peace groups to "shake the establishment" and unite the two groups. The month of June, 1969, was mentioned by Young as the time to announce the proposed boycott.

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Honorable Henry A. Kissinger

Levison, who has been an advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and his widow, has been identified as a secret member of the Communist Party as late as 1963.

This information is being furnished to the Attorney General and interested Government agencies.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

This letter is classified "Secret" since data contained therein is from a sensitive source, the unauthorized disclosure of which might jeopardize the source and be prejudicial to the national defense interests.

Data contained in the letter was furnished in New York letterhead memorandum dated 4/1/69 captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Internal Security - Communist" which was furnished to the Director with an informative note.

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TO DIRECTOR, (100-438794)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

COMINFIL, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. RM

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST, ADVISED REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), SEVERAL OF HIS LEADERS AND APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE NEGROES WALKED FROM THE A. G. GASTON MOTEL, BIRMINGHAAM, ABOUT ONE PM TODAY TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND SECURITY OFFICE. REVEREND ABERNATHY MADE A STATEMENT WHICH INDICATED THAT WELFARE PAYMENTS ARE TOO LOW IN ALABAMA AND DESIRED TO HAVE THEM RAISED. MR. A. H. CM DANAL, DIRECTOR, JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND SECURITY, REPLIED AND STATED THAT ALL THE PROGRAMS UNDER HIS DEPARTMENT ARE OPERATED BY THE ALABAMA COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS AND SECURITY, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND THEN APPROVED BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

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AFTER HIS MEETING WITH MR. MC DANAL, REVEREND ABERNATHY MADE A

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FEW REMARKS TO THE PRESS ABOUT WHAT HAD JUST TRANSPIRED AND ANNOUNCED A PUBLIC MEETING FOR SEVEN THIRTY PM APRIL NINE INSTANT AT ST. PAUL'S AMC CHURCH, THREE HUNDRED FOURTH COURT NORTH, BIRMINGHAM TO FURTHER DISCUSS A CAMPAIGN AGAINST POVERTY. [redacted] w

THE SMALL GROUP WALKED BACK TO THE A. G. GASTON MOTEL WHERE THEY DISPERSED. NO VIOLENCE OR INCIDENTS OF NAY KIND TOOK PLACE DURING THIS DEMONSTRATION. [redacted] w

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COMINFIL, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; RM.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST ADVISED DR. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT A. G. GASTON MOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, MORNING OF APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT, AND ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING:

SCLC IS BEGINNING SECOND CHAPTER OF POOR PEOPLES' CAMPAIGN IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND IN WEEKS AND MONTHS TO COME, THIS CAMPAGIN WILL HAVE MAJOR FOCUS IN STATE OF ALABAMA. SCLC WILL MOVE ON TWO FRONTS; FIRST TO DEMAND HUNGRY PEOPLE BE FED AND PROVIDED ADEQUATE INCOME AND DECENT JOBS; AND SECOND TO ORGANIZE NEW THRUST IN POLITICS FOR POOR PEOPLE. ABERNATHY COMMENTED ON SEVERE POVERTY FOUND IN ALABAMA, AND SAID IT IS TYPICAL OF POVERTY AMONG FORTY MILLION BLACK PEOPLE, POOR WHITES, AMERICAN INDIANS, MEXICAN-AMERICANS AND PUERTO RICANS THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

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INCLUDED IN SUMMARY TO WHITE HOUSE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL. DATE 4/18/69

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COUNTY, ALABAMA, THOUSANDS OF POOR FAMILIES RECEIVE AVERAGE OF SIXTYFIVE DOLLARS MONTH IN SO-CALLED WELFARE; THAT THE GOVERNMENT SAYS A FAMILY OF FOUR IN BIRMINGHAM NEEDS A MINIMUM OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS EACH MONTH FOR BASIC NECESSITIES OF LIFE; AND THAT ON STATE-WIDE BASIS, CASH INCOME TO POOR FAMILIES ON WELFARE IN ALABAMA IS EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTYSIX DOLLARS PER YEAR. HE SAID ALABAMA STATE WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS ADMITTED THIS IS ONLY ABOUT ONE HALF THE AMOUNT THESE FAMILIES NEED FOR MERE SURVIVAL. ABERNATHY SAID ONE-THIRD OF ALL HOUSING IN BIRMINGHAM IS CLASSIFIED AS SUB-STANDARD. ONE-HALF OF ALL BLACK PEOPLE IN BIRMINGHAM FALL BELOW OFFICIAL POVERTY LINE. HE SAID THE SECOND CHAPTER OF POOR PEOPLES' CAMPAIGN WILL DRAMATIZE FACTS AND HORRORS OF POVERTY IN AMERICA; THAT THE NATIONAL FOCUS WILL START HERE IN BIRMINGHAM AND SPREAD TO BLACK BELT OF ALABAMA AND OTHER CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AT THE END OF HIS TALK, ABERNATHY PRESENTED FOLLOWING DEMANDS;

ONE. MORE ADEQUATE PROGRAM OF WELFARE ON STATEWIDE BASIS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR NEEDY.

TWO. IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF ALL REGULATIONS REGARDING EQUALITY FOR WELFARE PROGRAMS WITH SUBSTITUTION OF DETERMINATION BASED SOLELY ON NEED.

THREE. IMMEDIATE INITIATION OF PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES WITHOUT REGARD TO STATUS OF THE FATHER SUCH AS AFDC.

FOUR. IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER BY GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA TO INCREASE STATE FUNDS FOR WELFARE PROGRAMS.

FIVE. IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF FREE FOOD STAMPS FOR FAMILIES WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO PURCHASE THEM.

SIX. IMMEDIATE INITIATION OF STATEWIDE FREE LUNCH PROGRAM TO FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN OF ALABAMA.

AT END OF PRESS CONFERENCE , ABERNATHY LED ABOUT SEVENTYFIVE PEOPLE, MOSTLY NEGROES, FROM THE A. G. GASTON MOTEL A FEW BLOCKS TO JEFFERSON COUNTY WELFARE OFFICE WHERE THEY WENT INSIDE THE BUILDING AND ATTEMPTED TO PRESENT THE ABOVE DEMANDS TO SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE WHO WAS ABSENT. ABERNATHY INDICATED THEY WOULD RETURN ON ANOTHER DAY. NO VIOLENCE OR INCIDENTS OF ANY KIND DURING THIS MARCH.

SOURCE SAID AFTER MARCH WAS OVER ABERNATHY RETURNED TO BUILDING NEAR A. G. GASTON MOTEL AND ADDRESSED SOME ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTYN TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEOPLE, MANY OF WHOM ARE PAID EMPLOYEES OF SCLC OR SYMPATHIZERS. SOURCE SAID THIS MEETING WAS EFFORT TO GET

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SECOND CHAPTER OF POOR PEOPLES' CAMPAIGN OFF GROUND.

ADMINISTRATIVE; INFORMATION DISSEMINATED LOCALLY TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, U. S. SECRET SERVICE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. LHM FOLLOWS. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [redacted] AIRMAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA 67D

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. Glass

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: April 9, 1969

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) IS - COMMUNIST

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INTERNAL SECURITY

To recommend that Atlanta be authorized to personally advise Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the SCLC, of threats to his life.

Because of the unsavory character, the arrogance, and the uncooperative attitude of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., the policy was established in connection with threats to King's life to advise the police department which in turn would advise King of information received from Bureau sources concerning threats to his life.

This policy has been continued with regard to Abernathy, King's successor.

Atlanta has recommended that this policy be altered and that Abernathy be told, as would any other intended victim in such a threat, concerning threats to his life. It feels that some rapport may be developed with Abernathy during such personal contacts. Abernathy's position as head of the SCLC is currently in some jeopardy and he is concerned over the possibility of his assassination, making the probability of his cooperating with the Bureau more likely. Even if this is not realized, there would be a disruptive effect upon his leadership by contacts with him by the Bureau concerning these threats.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be sent to Atlanta.

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CEG:ekw (7)

1 - Mr. C. E. Glass
4/14/69

Airtel

To: SAC, Atlanta (100-6670D)

From: Director, FBI (100-438794)

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Reurairtel 3/28/69.

I do not concur with your recommendation that Ralph D. Abernathy be directly notified of threats to his life. Continue to notify the police who in turn will notify Abernathy as has been the policy.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670D)

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On 3/20/69, WFO advised of receipt of information from an informant that JAMES BEVEL had recently asked RALPH D. ABERNATHY to step aside as President of SCLC and that ABERNATHY was increasingly fearful of assassination.

The 3/18/69, issue of The Atlanta Journal carried an article by JACK NELSON of the Los Angeles Times News Service referring to an interview with RALPH D. ABERNATHY. This article refers to ABERNATHY's position as President of SCLC being shaky and Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. taking a more active role in the organization which implied that Mrs. KING would replace ABERNATHY.

In response to the above article, ABERNATHY sent a telegram to the Los Angeles Times News Service and at the same time sending a copy of the telegram to the Atlanta Journal, which telegram was published in the Atlanta Journal on 3/21/69. In the telegram ABERNATHY refers to gross errors of fact and incorrect opinions in NELSON's article and emphatically denied saying anything to NELSON remotely suggesting his leadership as President of SCLC needed solidifying or that it was shaky. ABERNATHY further stated that reports of dissension in SCLC were malicious rumors and deliberate attempts to bring about division between him and Mrs. KING.

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(3) - Bureau (RM)
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(1 - 157-257) (RALPH D. ABERNATHY)
(1 - 100-6351) (CORETTA KING)

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As the Bureau is aware, periodically various offices advise Atlanta of receipt of anonymous threats against the life of ABERNATHY. In the past Atlanta has not furnished such information directly to ABERNATHY, but has followed the policy of immediately passing the information on to an appropriate official of the Atlanta Police Department, who in turn advises ABERNATHY. This policy was established several years ago, when MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was President of SCLC, due to the fact KING was traveling extensively and was not cooperative when efforts were made to locate him in Atlanta for the purpose of advising him of threats against his life.

It now appears that some advantage may be gained by changing the existing policy of informing ABERNATHY regarding receipt of information relating to threats against his life. It is felt that by notifying ABERNATHY directly upon receipt of information relating to threats against his life, some rapport may be developed with him at this particular time when the possibility exists of him being concerned about his possible assassination as well as his position as President of SCLC being shaky and the possible taking over of his position by Mrs. CORETTA KING.

Another strong factor of a counter intelligence nature to consider in changing the existing policy to notify ABERNATHY directly would be the disruptive effect of confusing and worrying him by reminding him of continuous threats against his life.

It is recommended that in the future upon receipt of such information, Atlanta notify ABERNATHY directly and in turn notify appropriate officials of the Atlanta Police Department.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115)(P)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an FD-376.

Confidential source is [redacted]

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, and U. S. Secret Service, and to the Atlanta and Mobile Divisions for information purposes.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 9, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Communist Infiltration of Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

7. X Of possible interest to U. S. Secret Service.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Not sent

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
April 9, 1969

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 8, 1969, that Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), held a press conference at the A. G. Gaston Motel, Birmingham, Alabama, on the morning of April 8, 1969, and announced the following:

"Today I am announcing plans of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the Second Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In the coming weeks and months, the Poor People's Campaign will have a major focus in the State of Alabama.

"Here, where we have already fought many battles for freedom, we will raise the issues of poverty and racism on local, state and national levels, and we will demand responses from local, state, and national officials.

"In Alabama, we will move on two fronts. First, we demand that hungry people be fed and provided adequate incomes and decent jobs. Second, we are organizing a new thrust in politics for poor people.

"Before I go into the details of these programs, let me remind you of the severe poverty found here in Alabama. It is typical of the poverty among 40 million black people, poor whites, American Indians, Mexican-Americans and Puerto Ricans throughout the United States.

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"Here in Jefferson County, thousands of poor families receive an average of $65 a month in so-called welfare. Even the government says that a family of four in Birmingham needs a minimum of $177 each month for the basic necessities of life. After paying rent, a welfare family in Birmingham often has only about $40 a month, or less, for food and clothing.

"On a state-wide basis, the cash income to poor families on welfare in Alabama is $876 per year. The state welfare department has acknowledged that this is only about one-half the amount these families need for mere survival.

"We hear a lot of criticism of 'welfare', and Americans talk grudgingly about 'handouts' to the poor. But the average welfare payment to a child in Alabama is $15 a month. This is not welfare; it is starvation. Any many thousands of poor children in Alabama receive no payments at all.

"The picture in terms of jobs, income, housing, health care and education for poor people is dismal in Alabama and across America. Last year, 5,800 students dropped out of high school in Birmingham. Most of these are young black men. Most poor adults in America have full-time jobs, but they are poor because they are under-employed -- because their wages are so low. A maid in Birmingham, leaving her own children to care for a white woman's children and clean her house, often receives only seven dollars a day, with no benefits. Countless numbers of grown men work all their lives in Birmingham for one dollar an hour -- 40 dollars a week to provide for their families. If a man lives with his family, and even if he is unemployed or ill, and he has no income -- his children are not allowed in Birmingham to receive welfare.

"2. One-third of all the housing in Birmingham is classified as sub-standard. One-half of all black people here fall below the official poverty line.

"This city has 45,000 families -- 25 per cent of its population -- living below the poverty line, and yet only 3,000 of those families even qualify for aid to dependent children.

"The rates of infant mortality and maternal death at childbirth in Birmingham are among the highest in the nation.

"The 2nd Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign will dramatize the facts and horrors of poverty in America. The national focus will start here in Birmingham and spread to the Black Belt of Alabama and other cities across the country. As I have mentioned, this chapter of the Campaign will have two phases.

"1. Feed the hungry. We demand that free food stamps be made available to all families with incomes of less than $3,000. We demand that the 'welfare freeze' scheduled for July 1 be repealed. We demand that national welfare standards be adopted, so that all Americans will have an adequate income and will be free from the present cruelties and dictatorial rules in the welfare system. We demand that all Americans who are able to work be provided a decent, productive job, and that the low-paid, under-employed workers receive adequate supplemental incomes. We demand medical care for all, and particularly for mothers and children. The fulfillment of these demands will end hunger in America, and we will take our nonviolent movement, starting in Alabama, anywhere necessary to achieve these demands.

"2. The new thrust in politics for poor people. The poor people of America are not only demanding changes in government programs and policies; we are organizing to bring about that change through political power.

"The ultimate objective of this phase of the Campaign -- the new thrust in politics -- is representative government for the poor. We intend to prove that democracy can work in America, even in Alabama where we will begin this phase in the hard-core poverty areas of the Black Belt. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s

dream of true democracy can become a living reality. With representative government we can show America that hunger, ignorance, poverty and disease are not necessary.

"We will attack these problems in Alabama's Black Belt by building a solid political base for poor people through positive programs for the poor and black people. These programs include:

"a) Economic development of black and poor communities. This involves creation of jobs through the use of boycotts and other nonviolent actions, setting up poor people's co-operatives, and development of black services and institutions.

"b) Quality education. We plan to call parents together and elect boards of education for each school. These boards, in consultation with students, teachers, and faculty, will plan a curriculum and program for use by education.

"In working for quality education, SCLC will also support student and youth movements, such as the present student movement at Alabama State College (where we already have staff organizers) and the movement by young people for the right to vote at age 18.

"c) Land reform. In many instances the government pays very high subsidies to plantations and big farms for not growing food and fiber. Rich farmers and plantation owners get richer while people on the land are starving. Much of the land in the South and other parts of America was given away by the government so that settlers could make a living on it. We are now saying that America should redistribute the land to needy people who can cultivate it for their own survival. If we must pay a man like Senator Eastland $13,000 a month for not producing food or fiber on his plantation, then we should at least grant the right of poor people to farm that land instead of being forced to go hungry. We also call upon the government to provide poor farmers with the technological aid and equipment they need for modern farming.

"d) Housing and community services. Black and other poor people must have the opportunity to build and control their own homes. This would provide not only comfortable, sanitary housing, but also training in construction skills, new jobs, and new communities. In addition to housing, we will work for better medical care through community health clinics and hospitals, and improved services such as roads, streets, lights, sanitation and water.

"All of these programs are designed to bring black people and other poor people together so that they will become aware of their common interests and develop the new thrust in politics for the poor. People who have an economic base and the same interests will unite for political control of their communities. We will use the programs I have outlined to help poor communities and to educate the poor politically. Another goal is to register every citizen to vote and we will urge them to vote on the issues and for personalities that will advance the growth and development of their communities.

"In summary, we seek in Alabama, and in all America, during this Second Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign:

"1. Food for the hungry, and the jobs and income to provide that food, with free food stamps for all families whose annual income is less than $3,000.

"2. Political power for poor people, with 18-year-olds having the right to vote.

"3. A uniform national welfare system.

"4. Government regulation of all commodities for the necessities of life."

Reverend Abernathy then gave a "Preamble to Demands" and six demands as follows:

"Whereas a recent report of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission's finding in the State of Alabama revealed that the average welfare payment to a family of four (4) was $89.00 while the need for such a family was $177.00, pressures are building up for reforming a heretofore inadequate welfare system, which is suppose to help the poor but instead entraps them in a system of bureaucratic forms and papers.

"In light of the above stated general shortcomings of a system that has shown itself as being inept, we present the following demands:

"I. A more adequate program of welfare on a State-wide basis, be made available to the needy.

"II. The immediate termination of all regulations regarding eligibility for welfare programs with the substitution of determination based solely on need.

"III. The immediate initiation of a program to provide assistance to those needy families without regard to the status of the father, such as AFDC.

"IV. The immediate issuance of an Executive Order by the Governor of Alabama to increase the state funds for welfare programs.

"V. The immediate availability of free food stamps for those families who cannot afford to purchase them.

"VI. The immediate initiation of a state-wide free-lunch program to feed the hungry children of Alabama.

At the end of the press conference, Reverend Abernathy led about 75 people, mostly Negroes, from the A. G. Gaston Motel a few blocks to the Jefferson County Welfare Office, where they went inside the building and attempted to present the above demands to the Supervisor-in-Charge, who was absent. Reverend Abernathy indicated they would return on another day. There was no violence or incidents of any kind during this march.

Source said after the march was over, Reverend Abernathy returned to a building near the A. G. Gaston Motel and addressed some 125 to 150 people, many of whom were paid employees of SCLC or sympathizers. Source said this meeting was an effort to get the Second Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign off the ground.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama
April 9, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead memorandum dated April 9, 1969.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-115

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COMINFIL. SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. RACIAL MATTERS.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THIS DATE THAT MASS MEETING WAS HELD AS SCHEDULED ST. PAUL'S AMC CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, NIGHT OF APRIL NINE. REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY PRESIDED. APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE PRESENT. ABERNATHY SPOKE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS ON POVERTY AND THE HOPE OF IMPROVING WELFARE PAYMENT IN ALABAMA. NO INCIDENTS OR TROUBLE OF ANY KIND AT THIS MEETING.

AT APPROXIMATELY ONE PM THIS DATE, THIRTYFOUR PEOPLE, MOSTLY NEGROES, MARCHED FROM ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HEADQUARTERS TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY WELFARE OFFICE WHERE THEY PICKETED CARRYING SIGNS SUCH AS "MUST WE BOYCOTT YOUR TOWN TO EAT" AND "OUR BOYS DIE IN VIETNAM WHILE AMERICA STARVES US AT HOME."

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REPRESENTATIVES OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, BIRMINGHAM PD, JEFFERSON COUNTY SO, ALABAMA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OBSERVING AND COGNIZANT OF EVENTS. OTHER AGENCIES BEING ADVISED.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY INDIVIDUALS MET AT THIRGOOD MEMORIAL CME CHURCH, FIVE ONE SEVEN CENTER STREET NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, SEVEN THIRTY P.M., APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, AS SCHEDULED. REV. JESSE JACKSON, SCLC OFFICIAL, FROM CHICAGO, MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION MADE PRINCIPAL SPEECH. HE TALKED ON POVERTY THEME, WHICH HE HAS SPOKEN ON BEFORE, AND SAID THE NEGROES NEED MORE MONEY IN ORDER TO LIVE. SHORTLY AFTER HIS TALK, HE DEPARTED FOR CHICAGO. REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC, WAS NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING, BUT HAD RETURNED TO ATLANTA.

HOSEA WILLIAMS, MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION SCLC OFFICIAL, ANNOUNCED A MEETING AT KELLY INGRAM PARK, DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM NEGRO SECTION, FOR ONE P.M., APRIL TWELVE, INSTANT. HE INDICATED AFTER A LITTLE SPEECH MAKING THERE,

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THE ASSEMBLED GROUP WOULD MARCH IN DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM TO GIVE IMPETUS TO THEIR PROJECT AGAINST POVERTY, CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED IN BIRMINGHAM.

NO TROUBLE OR INCIDENTS OF ANY KIND AT THE THIRGOOD CHURCH MEETING.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL ELEVEN.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM SAVANNAH (157-1428) 3P

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RALLY SPONSORED BY ~~SCLC~~, VIDALIA, GA., APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYNINE.

RM RACIAL MATTER

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT GROUP FROM OUT OF b7D 3 APR 11 1969
TOWN COMING TO VIDALIA TO DEMONSTRATE TONIGHT.

[redacted] ADVISED
THAT HE WAS ARRESTED ABOUT ONE A.M., TODAY, BY TWO TOOMBS RACIAL INT. SECT.

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APR 22 1969

COUNTY, GEORGIA, DEPUTY SHERIFFS, CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CONCEALED WEAPONS AFTER THEY DISCOVERED SOME KNIVES AND OTHER ARTICLES IN BUS BEING USED BY SCLC. [redacted] ALLEGED THE TWO DEPUTY SHERIFFS KICKED HIM AS HE WAS ENTERING TOOMBS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. [redacted] RELEASED, NINE THIRTY A.M., TODAY, AND INFORMED CHARGES AGAINST HIM DISMISSED. [redacted] ALSO b7D STATED HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT TEAR GAS HAD BEEN SPRAYED ON DEMONSTRATORS CONFINED IN CELLS, BOTH AT CITY JAIL, VIDALIA, AND AT TOOMBS COUNTY JAIL, LYONS, GEORGIA. [redacted] STATED GROUPS OF NEGROES FROM SYLVESTER, DUBLIN, AND SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA, ARE PREPARED TO COME TO VIDALIA TONIGHT FOR DEMONSTRATION MARCH IF UNABLE TO NEGOTIATE RELEASE OF DEMONSTRATORS FROM JAILS THROUGH MEETING WITH VIDALIA CITY COUNCIL.

CHIEF OF POLICE, VIDALIA, GEORGIA, HAS BEEN ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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RE SAVANNAH TEL, INST. DATE.

ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH MIG, SAVANNAH, HAS BEEN ADVISED.

ATLANTA WILL ADVISE SECRET SERVICE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

SAVANNAH WILL OPEN SEPARATE CASES CONCERNING ALLEGED KICKING OF [redacted] AND SPRAYING OF TEAR GAS ON PRISONERS. b7D

THIS MATTER WILL BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY SAVANNAH, AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. -P-

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FBI WASH DC

cc-INTD
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Civil Rights Division

cc- MR. TRAINOR
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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/10/69

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Attached relates to demonstration sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held 4/8/69, Vidalia, Georgia.

We were subsequently advised that demonstration scheduled for night of 4/9/69 did not occur and Chief of Police instructed his officers to advise all persons to be off the street at midnight.

Copies of both communications received have been sent Inter-Division Information Unit and Civil Rights Division of Department, and will be included in summary teletype to White House and other interested government agencies.

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Date: 4/7/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC,
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Re Atlanta teletype, 4/3/69, to Bureau captioned MURKIN.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. These delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble of the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965 identities of those serving of the NEC has varied;

however, according to a third source as of May, 1966 thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of May, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 1830 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO DCC

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the National DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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621PM URGENT 4/7/69 PNR

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM SAVANNAH /157-NEW/ 1P

RALLY SPONSORED BY SCLC, VIDALIA, GA., APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYNINE.

RM.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[redacted], ADVISED AT FOUR THIRTY P.M., TODAY,

THAT RALLY PLANNED BY SCLC AT NEGRO BALLPARK, VIDALIA, GA.,

ABOUT SEVEN P.M., TODAY. [redacted] STATES PURPOSE OF RALLY

IS TO ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE YOUNG SCLC WORKERS FROM ADJOINING

COUNTIES. NO KNOWN DEMONSTRATION CONTEMPLATED AT THIS TIME.

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CHIEF OF POLICE, VIDALIA, GA., HAS BEEN ADVISED.

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ATLANTA, ADVISE SECRET SERVICE. ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH

MIG, SAVANNAH, HAS BEEN ADVISED.

SAVANNAH WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED. P.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM SAVANNAH/157-1428/

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O SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

RALLY SPONSORED BY SCLC, VIDALIA, GA., APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYNINE.

RM

[redacted], ADVISED APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT, APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE ATTENDED RALLY LAST EVENING, AND NO DISTURBANCES.

[redacted], ADVISED TODAY THAT MARCH PROTESTING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION PLANNED FOR TONIGHT AT VIDALIA, GA.

CHIEF OF POLLCE, VIDALIA, GA., HAS BEEN NOTIFIED.

ADMINSTRATIVE;

RE SAVANNAH TEL, APRIL SEVEN, LAST.

ATLANTA, ADVISE SECRET SERVICE.

SAVANNAH HAS ADVISED ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH MIG, AND WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED. P.

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RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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Re MOairtel 3/26/69.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of LHM concerning the information in referenced airtel. The confidential source mentioned in LHM i[redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM SAVANNAH (157-1428)

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

RALLY SPONSORED BY SCLC, VIDALIA, GA., APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYNINE.

RM.

[redacted] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED

AT ELEVEN FORTY P.M., APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYNINE, FROM VIDALIA, GA., THAT FIFTY-TWO DEMONSTRATORS HAD BEN ARRESTED IN VIDALIA, AND WERE CONFINED IN JAILS IN VIDALIA AND LYONS, GEORGIA. HE ALLEGED SOME MISTREATMENT OF DEMONSTRATORS BY TOOMBS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN LYONS, BUT DID NOT DESIRE TO DISCUSS DETAILS ON 'PHONE.

ADMINSTRATIVE:

RE SAVANNAH TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

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ATLANTA, ADVISE SECRET SERVICE.

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SAVANNAH HAS ADVISED ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH MIG.

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SAVANNAH, AT VIDALIA, WILL CONTACT [redacted] CONCERNING DETAILS ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF DEMONSTRATORS. WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

END.

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11:07AM URGENT 4-19-69 JMW

TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM (157-804) (157-115),
AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (100-56)

COMINFIL SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:
POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS; RACIAL MATTERS.

LACKEY, ROWE IS A WHITE MALE AND IS EMPLOYED AS ATTORNEY
FOR THE LAWYER'S COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW, TWO
TWO THREE NORTH FARISH, JACKSON, MISS. ROWE REPRESENTED
ROBERT E. JOHNSON, GRENADA, MISS., PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), WHEN
JOHNSON ARRESTED JANUARY TWENTY-FOUR, SIXTY-SEVEN, IN
CIRCUIT COURT, GRENADA, MISS.

ROWE HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE ALA., AND MISS., AREAS
OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS AND IS PREDOMINANTLY HANDLING
CIVIL RIGHTS CASES.

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

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JACKSON FILES SHOW NO SUBVERSIVE INFORMATION RE

ROWE.

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FBI SAVANNAH

1211AM URGENT 4/11/69 SPT

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAVANNAH (157-1428)

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RALLY SPONSORED BY (SCLC) Southern Christian Leadership Conference VIDALIA, GA., APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYNINE. ~~PM~~ Racial Matters

[redacted]

ADVISED EVENING APRIL TEN SIXTYNINE THAT THE FIFTYFIVE DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED VIDALIA, GEORGIA APRIL EIGHT SIXTYNINE FOR PARADING WITHOUT PERMIT APPEARED AT MEETING APRIL TEN SIXTYNINE AT VIDALIA CITY HALL WITH MAYOR. PARENTS OF ARRESTED DEMONSTRATORS REQUESTED MEETING AND MOST OF PARENTS PRESENT. PARENTS PRESENTED WRITTEN SIGNED AGREEMENT DRAWN UP BY THEM STATING THAT IF DEMONSTRATORS RELEASED ON SIX MONTHS PROBATION TO PARENTS THERE WOULD BE NO DEMONSTRATIONS, MARCHES OR PICKETING WITHOUT PROPER PERMIT FOR PERIOD OF PROBATION. b7D

SPOKESMAN FOR PARENTS AT MEETING BEFORE MAYOR WERE REVEREND J. E. CURRY, LOCAL NEGRO MINISTER, VIDALIA, GEORGIA, EDWARD LOCKHART, PRESIDENT ~~NAACP~~ National Association for the Advancement of Colored People CHAPTER, VIDALIA, GEORGIA AND RETHA HOPKINS, LOCAL NEGRO CITIZEN, VIDALIA, GEORGIA.

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT MAYOR ACCEPTED PARENTS SIGNED AGREEMENT AND RELEASED ALL FIFTYFIVE DEMONSTRATORS ON SIX MONTHS PROBATION ABOUT FIVE THIRTY PM APRIL TEN SIXTYNINE TO PARENTS. b7D

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[redacted] STATED THAT REVEREND OLIVER C. TAYLOR, SCLC STAFF WORKER FROM SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, WHO WAS DRIVER OF SCLC BUS, AND ALSO ARRESTED APRIL EIGHT SIXTYNINE AS DEMONSTRATOR WAS ALSO RELEASED BY MAYOR ON SIX MONTHS PROBATION, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT HE ALSO LEAVE VIDALIA, GEORGIA. [redacted] STATED TAYLOR ADVISED HIM HE PLANS TO LEAVE VIDALIA, GEORGIA MORNING APRIL ELEVEN SIXTYNINE AND DRIVE BUS TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA. b7D

[redacted] STATED THAT A SHORT RALLY WAS HELD AT NEGRO BALL PARK VIDALIA, GEORGIA EARLY EVENING APRIL TEN SIXTYNINE AND MANY OF RELEASED DEMONSTRATORS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. [redacted] AT RALLY HEARD SOME IN ATTENDANCE MAKE STATEMENT THAT PICKETING OF LOCAL GROCERY STORE, SHUMAN'S SAFEWAY MARKET, VIDALIA, GEORGIA PLANNED FOR APRIL ELEVEN SIXTYNINE. [redacted] STATED THAT IF THIS DONE WITHOUT PERMIT HE ANTICIPATES PICKETERS WILL BE ARRESTED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE SV TELS FOUR NINE LAST.

SAVANNAH WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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Date 4/11/69

Attached relates to continued racial unrest in Vidalia, Georgia following the arrest of demonstrators 4/8/69 who participated in march sponsored by Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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1058PM URGENT 4/11/69 SPT

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAVANNAH (157-1428)

RALLY SPONSORED BY SCLC, VIDALIA, GA., APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYNINE. RM.

[redacted]

ADVISED AT TEN FIFTEEN PM APRIL ELEVEN SIXTYNINE RACIAL SITUATION IN VIDALIA QUIET AND NO ACTIVITY ANTICIPATED TONIGHT. [redacted] STATED SIX OF THE DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED VIDALIA, GEORGIA APRIL TEN SIXTY-NINE APPEARED AT VIDALIA CITY HALL ABOUT TWO P.M. APRIL ELEVEN SIXTY-NINE AND BEGAN PICKETING ON SIDEWALK. [redacted] STATED HE APPROACHED THEM AND READ CITY ORDINANCE TO THEM THAT PERMIT REQUIRED, AND THEY IMMEDIATELY DISPERSED AND DEPARTED. [redacted] ADVISED THIS WAS ONLY RACIAL ACTIVITY IN VIDALIA, GEORGIA TODAY.

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RE SV TEL FOUR TEN LAST.

SAVANNAH WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-115

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COMINFIL. SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. RACIAL MATTERS.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS MET AT THE ST. PAUL'S AME CHURCH, THREE HUNDRED FOURTH COURT NORTH, NIGHT OF APRIL TEN, LAST AS SCHEDULED. REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), IN CHARGE OF MEETING. REV. JESSE JACKSON, SCLC OFFICIAL FROM CHICAGO, ARRIVED AT THE MEETING APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN PM AND MADE A SPEECH LASTING UNTIL SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT. HE TALKED ABOUT POVERTY IN GENERAL IN THE SOUTH AND HOW THE WHITE MAN OWNS BY FAR THE MAJORITY OF THE LAND AND GETS PAID FABULOUS SUMS FOR LETTING THE LAND LIE IDLE. NO TROUBLE OF ANY KIND AT THIS MEETING. APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED TWENTYSEVEN PEOPLE, MOSTLY NEGROES, UNDER LEADERSHIP OF JESSE JACKSON MARCHED BACK AND FORTH IN FRONT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY WELFARE

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OFFICE APPROXIMATELY ONE PM THIS DATE. THEY THEN WALKED TO JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE STEPS ABOUT ONE BLOCK AWAY WHERE JACKSON SPOKE ON POVERTY AGAIN AND REV. EDWARD W. GARDNER, VICE PRESIDENT, ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, SPOKE ALONG THE SAME LINE. NO TROUBLE OR INCIDENTS DURING THIS TIME.

ADMINISTRATIVE;

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU APRIL NINE, LAST.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [redacted] 6 7 D

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1:33 PM URGENT 4-13-69 SSP

TO: DIRECTOR FBI

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

COMINFIL, SCLC; RM.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS, MOSTLY NEGROES, MARCHED PEACEFULLY FROM KELLY INGRAM PARK THROUGH DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM APRIL TWELVE ABOUT TWO P.M. MARCH WAS LED BY HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC OFFICIAL, AND WAS AUGMENTED BY APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS FROM TALLADEGA COLLEGE, A PREDOMINATELY NEGRO INSTITUTION AT TALLADEGA, ALABAMA.

ABOVE SOURCE STATES THAT ANOTHER MARCH IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS P.M. BUT HAS SOME DOUBTS THAT IT WILL MATERIALIZE DUE TO RAINY WEATHER AND ALSO THAT IT IS SUNDAY, A NON BUSINESS DAY AND THERE WOULD BE VERY FEW CITIZENS TO WATCH THE PROCEEDINGS.

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Bufile 157-632 - Consolidated into 100-438794 - per C.E. Glass to Bw Cons/Bur 5/28/69

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TO DIRECTOR (100-438794)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY EIGHTYFIVE INDIVIDUALS, MOSTLY NEGROES, MARCHED FROM KELLY INGRAM PARK IN DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM THROUGH THE BUSINESS DISTRICT, ABOUT FIVE THIRTY PM, APR. THIRTEEN, LAST. THE GROUP RETURNED TO KELLY INGRAM PARK AND THEN MADE ANOTHER MARCH THROUGH SOME OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA, AND RETURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT. SOURCE SAID THERE WAS NO MARCH HELD THIS DATE APR. FOURTEEN, INSTANT. SOURCE SIAD STONEY COOK, SCLC WORKER REMARKED THAT "THE SPIRIT DID NOT MOVE THEM TO MARCH."

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RE BH TELETYPE APR. THIRTEEN, LAST.

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[redacted] ADVISED AS FOLLOWS THIS PM:

SCLC TO SPONSOR TWO-DAY MEETING IN CHICAGO, APRIL ONE FIVE, INSTANT AND APRIL ONE SIX, NEXT, DURING WHICH SO-CALLED SECOND PHASE OF POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN WILL BE INITIATED AND SCLC PLANS FOR GENERAL ATTACK ON POVERTY IN UNITED STATES WILL BE FORTHCOMING. AS OF AFTERNOON INSTANT, REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC PRESIDENT IN CHICAGO, TO APPEAR THIS PM AT EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE, ALSO FOR FUND RAISING DINNER. OTHER SCLC OFFICIALS IN CHICAGO INCLUDE REV. ANDREW YOUNG AND HOSEA WILLIAMS. MRS. CORETTA KING AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. EXPECTED TO ARRIVE LATER THIS DATE.

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[redacted] SCLC HAS NO PLANS FOR PROTEST TYPE DEMONSTRATIONS OR ACTIVITIES DURING AFFAIR [redacted] ANTICIPATES NO PROBLEMS OR DISTURBANCES. b7D

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APRIL 4, 1969
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Re Atlanta teletypes to Bureau, 4/4/69, 4/5/69 and 4/6/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and twelve copies of an LHM. One copy of the enclosed LHM is being furnished Charlotte in view of the participation on 4/6/69 of TONY LENNELL AXAM. One copy is also enclosed for Columbia in view of the participation of CHUCK MORGAN of GIs United Agains the War in Vietnam. One copy each is also being furnished for Chicago and New York because of interest of these offices in David Dellinger.

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that activities in Atlanta, Georgia, for the period April 4, 1969 through April 6, 1969, represented a combined effort on the part of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Southwide Mobilization Against the War in Vietnam and Self-Determination (SWM), the Atlanta Alliance for Peace (AAP), and the Atlanta Alliance for April Action also known as the Atlanta Alliance for April 6, 1969, to commemorate the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, SCLC, and to protest the war in Vietnam. Except for SCLC, the AAP serves as an umbrella type organization for the other named organizations. Source advised some individuals active on behalf of the AAP are also affiliated with the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA).

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A characterization of the YSA is attached hereto.

The March 31, 1969 edition of "The Great Speckled Bird", published an SWM "supplement". During the week commencing March 31, 1969, the SWM distributed in the Atlanta area a one page leaflet outlining activities for the period April 4, 1969 through April 6, 1969. The above "supplement" and this leaflet set forth the following activities in Atlanta:

April 4, 1969 - 7:00 P.M., commencement of forty hour vigil on the steps of the Georgia State Capitol commemorating the death of Reverend King. 8:00 P.M. memorial service at State Capitol for Reverend King.

April 5, 1969 - Vigil continued. 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. workshops on racism, poverty and war.

April 6, 1969 - Vigil continued to 3:00 P.M.; noon to 2:00 P.M., organization of march at Ebenezer Baptist Church followed with speeches by Ralph D. Abernathy, President, SCLC, David Dellinger, Chairman, National Mobilization Committee to end the war in Vietnam, Jeanette Rankin, "Anti-War Congresswoman", and J. T. Bear "Student Leader, Duke University".

[redacted] has previously advised "The Great Speckled Bird" is an Atlanta newspaper published by the New Left for New Left readers.

[redacted] David Dellinger appeared before a Militant Labor Forum (MLF) sponsored symposium at 1116 University Place, New York City, at which time he advocated a communist society and admitted he was a communist.

A characterization of the MLF is attached hereto.

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"J. T. Bear" is a name utilized by Tony Lonnell Axam, a black militant leader at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Records of the Durham County Superior Court Durham, North Carolina, reflect that on March 27, 1969 Axam was indicted by the Durham County Grand Jury on a felony charge of setting fire March 11, 1969 to Duke University woodlands.

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On April 3, 1969, [redacted] advised Phillip Weldon and Cliff Connor, on behalf of SWM and SCLC, submitted an application on April 1, 1969 to the City of Atlanta for a permit to conduct a march on April 6, 1969, indicating therein it was expected three thousand local citizens would participate. Affirmative action on this application was subsequently taken by the City of Atlanta.

[redacted] that Weldon and Connor have participated in YSA activities.

[redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, advised on April 2, 1969 that as of April 1, 1969, approval was given by the State of Georgia to SWM to conduct a vigil from 7:00 P.M., April 4, 1969, to 3:00 P.M., April 6, 1969, on the front steps (Washington Street side) of the Georgia State Capitol, involving from twenty five to one hundred participants.

[redacted] on April 4, 1969, advised the aforementioned vigil commenced on the Washington Street side of the Georgia State Capitol at approximately 7:30 P.M., April 4, 1969. At the commencement of the vigil, almost one hundred individuals participated. At 9:45 P.M., these participants were joined by approximately one hundred and fifty individuals who had marched, carrying lighted candles, from the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 413 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta. Persons participating in the vigil engaged in periodic chanting of freedom songs and clapping of hands until almost 11:30 P.M. at which time the number of participants rapidly dwindled to about fifty.

During the evening of April 4, 1969, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed that approximately seventy five percent of the persons participating in the vigil were white. The participants displayed signs and placards some of which read "He Lives", "Honor Dr. King, End Poverty", "Make his Dream a Reality, End Poverty, Racism", "Honor Dr. King, Respect the Poor".

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Among the individuals taking an active part in the vigil on April 4, 1969, the following were observed:

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Thomas E. Hauck, Jr.
Nannie Leah Washburn

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that during July, 1968, Thomas E. Hauck, Jr., indicated he had previously associated (not explained) with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

A characterization of the SDS is attached hereto. b7D

[redacted] that Nannie Leah Washburn was an old time Communist Party member who was in close contact with Homer Bates Chase, the former District Organizer for the Communist Party in Georgia from 1946 to 1950. According to records of the Office of the Secretary of the State of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, Nannie Leah Washburn was a qualified elector of the Communist Party in the State of Georgia for the years 1928, 1932, 1936 and 1940.

On April 5, 1969, [redacted] advised the vigil continued at the Georgia State Capitol through the night of April 4, 1969 and day, April 5, 1969, without incident or arrest. b7D

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Participants averaged twenty five persons, the majority of which appeared to be "white hippie type".

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[redacted] advised on April 5, 1969 that attendance at the SWM Workshops scheduled for that date was extremely slight.

During the evening of April 5, 1969, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed up to approximately one hundred and fifty persons participating in the vigil displaying signs and placards similar to those observed on April 4, 1969. These individuals, the majority of whom were white, appeared to be "hippie" type, sang and chanted freedom songs.

At 12:15 A.M., April 6, 1969, Ralph D. Abernathy arrived at the vigil and spoke briefly from the steps of the Georgia State Capitol. In his speech he paid respect to Reverend King and emphasized the need to eliminate from the world racism, poverty and war.

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[redacted] advised on April 6, 1969 that throughout the night of April 5, 1969, until its termination at approximately 3:30 P.M., April 6, 1969, the vigil continued without incident or arrest.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at 2:45 P.M., April 6, 1969, observed approximately five hundred individuals commence marching from the Ebenezer Baptist Church via several downtown Atlanta streets to the Washington Street side of the Georgia State Capitol. At 3:30 P.M., the marchers joined with approximately two hundred persons then participating in the vigil at the capitol.

Among the individuals in the forepart of the march were Ralph D. Abernathy and David Dellinger. From the steps of the Georgia State Capitol, Ralph D. Abernathy delivered a prayer in which he asked that all present might be guided to continue the work of Reverend King.

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Following Abernathy's prayer, the marchers continued via other downtown streets to a location on Gilmer Street adjacent to the south side of Hurt Park between Ivy and Courtland Streets, Northeast.

A large proportion of the marchers were observed to be white and appeared to be "hippie" type. The marchers carried many signs and placards some of which read:

"Clean up your own country, make his dream a reality, end war, poverty, racism, SCLC"

"War is not healthy for children and other living things"

"Free speech for GIs - SDS"

"Amnesty for all war resistors"

"The enemy is at home, poor people demand justice in SCLC"

"How many crucifixions must there be?"

"Stop the racist war in Vietnam"

"Free the Fort Jackson nine"

"GIs don't all support your filthy war"

"Nixon - end the war before it ends you"

"Destroy the war machine"

"If God wanted you to have a uniform, he would have issued one to you"

At 4:10 P.M., a program of speeches commenced. John Lewis, former Chairman, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and one, Eleanor Bockman, occupied the position of master of ceremonies. 4a

A characterization of SNCC is attached hereto.

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The speakers as they were introduced were as follows:

Chuck Morgan, Representative of GIs United Against the War in Vietnam

Jeanette Rankin, former Congresswoman

Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC

Ralph D. Abernathy, President, SCLC

J. T. Bear, Duke University, Student

David Dellinger, National Chairman, National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

Each of the speakers praised Reverend King, stressed evils in American Society, economy and politics, requiring immediate correction in order to eliminate racism and poverty, opposed the War in Vietnam and emphasized the desirability of returning Armed Forces personnel home.

The speaking program concluded at approximately 6:10 P.M. after which participants and spectators rapidly departed the area.

[redacted] advised on April 6, 1969 that the above activity on April 6, 1969 took place without incident or arrest.

On April 6, 1969, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the individuals named below participating in the aforementioned march and attending the speaking program which followed. [redacted] has previously advised of the organizational connections of these individuals, which information is set forth after their names.

Bob Goodman, Howard Romaine: active representatives of "The Great Speckled Bird"

Denis Adelsberger, Henry Bass, Sue Bass, Pete Grannis: active on behalf of the Atlanta Workshop in Non-violence (AWIN). AWIN was organized in February, 1967, to serve as a base for direction of anti-war protests.

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Nelson Blackstock, Ruth Blackstock, Joy Carlisle, Martin Gilbert, Tom Hathcock, Doug Jenness, Sharon Naiman and Linda Wetter; either members of or sympathetic to the YSA.

Gene Gerrera, David Simpson; active on behalf of the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC).

A characterization of SSOC is attached hereto.

Ted Brodek, David Govus and Lennie Reisberg; members of or sympathetic to SDS.

Pertinent information regarding the above activity on April 4, April 5, and April 6, 1969, was furnished on a continuing basis to representatives of the Atlanta Police Department, Georgia State Patrol, Atlanta, Georgia, 111th Military Intelligence Group, Fort McPherson, Georgia, United States Secret Service, Atlanta, and the United States Attorney, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished this date to the 111th Military Intelligence Group, Fort McPherson, Georgia, United States Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia, and United States Attorney, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia.

MILITANT LABOR FORUM

The Militant Labor Forum was an activity of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) which follows the aims and purposes of the National SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States Pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360 - 362 Nelson Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, is a nonmembership organization, which was born out of the sit-in movement that erupted across the South beginning in 1960.

Today SNCC identifies itself as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

According to SNCC the year 1967 marked a historic milestone in the struggle for the liberation of black people in the United States and the year that revolutionaries throughout the world began to understand more fully the impact of the black movement. SNCC declared that "liberation will come only when there is final destruction of this mad octopus -- the capitalistic system of the United States with all its life-sucking tenacles of exploitation and racism that choke the people of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The realities of black life, together with the recognition instilled in SNCC workers forced its members to further popularize the legitimacy of self-defense and rebellions when oppression became too great."

From May, 1966, until May, 1967, Stokely Carmichael was National Chairman of SNCC. As of July, 1968, Carmichael resided in Washington, D. C., where he was affiliated with SNCC and active as temporary chairman of a black coalition group. In May, 1967, Carmichael was replaced by Hubert Gerold Brown, commonly known as H. Rap Brown, who served until June, 1968.

In June, 1968, at the Staff and Central Committee meeting of SNCC held in Atlanta, Georgia, it was decided to restructure the organization by equalization of responsibility by creating ten deputy or vice chairmanships. The primary purpose for this change is to take law enforcement pressure off any single individual.

SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (SSOC)

On November 1, 1966, a first source advised that the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) was formed on the weekend of April 3-5, 1964, to stimulate activity of academic freedom, civil liberties, capital punishment, and unemployment. Originally, it was to be a white counterpart of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). It has agreed to work with similar interested groups such as SNCC and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF). SSOC is a fraternal affiliate of the SDS.

Beginning in the Fall of 1966, SSOC became a membership organization and embarked on a campaign to form local chapters on various college campuses throughout the South. SSOC publishers, October through May each year, a publication, "New South Student," which according to the above source has increasingly espoused and defended the pro-Communist and anti-United States position on domestic and foreign policy.

On July 2, 1968, a second source advised that SSOC continues to be headquartered at 1703 Portland Avenue, Nashville Tennessee, and continues to defend and espouse the pro-Communist and anti-United States position with particular emphasis on attacking United States policy in Vietnam and emphasis on attacking the Selective Service System. Source two noted that SSOC Chairman Thomas N. Gardner in the Summer of 1967 traveled to Prague, Czechoslovakia, where he met with representatives of the National Liberation Front (NLF) and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV), and that SSOC staff members Bruce Smith and Alan Levin traveled to Cuba in the Summer of 1967 and February, 1968, respectively.

By letter dated April 26, 1968, on SSOC letterhead mailed to the general SSOC membership over the signature of Mike Welch, Executive Secretary of SSOC, it was announced that as a step toward close relations with the SDS and better communications with the movement nationally, SSOC and SDS have worked out an exchange of the "new South Student" and the "New Left Notes," and that SDS and SSOC were exchanging contact lists of their respective memberships for this exchange.

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The May, 1968, issue of "New South Student" indicates that the SSOC mailing address is P. O. Box 6403, Nashville, Tennessee, 37212, Telephone Number 615-291-3537, and the masthead describes the organization as "An Association of young concerned Southerners dedicated to social change," as taken from the preamble of the SSOC constitution.

YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960, issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS), Page 1, Column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles, and that the supporters of the YS have come into basic political solidarity with the SWP on the principles of revolutionary socialism.

On March 10, 1967, a source advised that the YSA was formed during 1957, by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The source further advised that the YSA has recently become more open about admitting that it is the youth group of the SWP and that an SWP representative has publicly stated that the YSA is the SWP's youth group.

The National Headquarters of the YSA are located in Room 532-536, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

On October 31, 1967, a second source advised that at the 22nd National Convention of the SWP held in New York City from October 26, 1967, to October 29, 1967, it was stated that the YSA remained as the main recruiting ground for new SWP members.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Attached are 11 copies of an letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated to local military intelligence agencies, U. S. Attorney, and Secret Service, Birmingham.

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April 17, 1969

Director
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Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Communist Infiltration of Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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Birmingham, Alabama
April 17, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Re: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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[redacted] that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), several of its leaders, and approximately twenty-five Negroes walked from the A. G. Gaston Motel, Birmingham, Alabama, about 1:00 p.m., April 9, 1969, to the Jefferson County Department of Pensions and Security office. Rev. Abernathy made a statement which indicated that welfare payments are too low in Alabama and that he desired to have them raised. Mr. A. H. McDanal, Director, Jefferson County Department of Pensions and Security, replied and stated that all the programs under his department are operated by the Alabama Commissioner of Pensions and Security, Montgomery, Alabama, and then approved by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

After his meeting with Mr. McDanal, Rev. Abernathy made a few remarks to the press about what had just transpired and announced a public meeting for 7:30 p.m., April 9, 1969 at St. Paul's AME Church, 300 4th Court, North, Birmingham, to further discuss a campaign against poverty.

The small group walked back to the A. G. Gaston Motel, where they dispersed. No violence or incidents of any kind took place during this demonstration.

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[redacted] that a mass meeting was held as scheduled at St. Paul's AME Church, Birmingham, night of April 9, 1969. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy

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presided. Approximately 400 people were present. Abernathy spoke for approximately one and one-half hours on poverty and the hope of improving welfare payments in Alabama. No incidents or trouble of any kind was at this meeting.

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that approximately 600 individuals met at the St. Paul's AME Church the night of April 10, 1969, as scheduled. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy was in charge of the meeting. Rev. Jesse Jackson, SCLC official from Chicago, arrived at the meeting approximately 11:00 p.m. and made a speech lasting until shortly after midnight. He talked about poverty in general in the south and how the white man owns by far the majority of the land and gets paid fabulous sums for letting the land lie idle. There was no trouble of any kind at this meeting. Approximately 127 people, mostly Negroes, under the leadership of Jesse Jackson, marched back and forth in front of Jefferson County Welfare office approximately 1:00 p.m. this date. They then walked to the Jefferson County Courthouse steps about one block away, where Jackson spoke on poverty again, and Rev. Edward W. Gardner, Vice President, Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, spoke along the same line. There was no trouble or incidents during this time.

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[redacted] that approximately 650 individuals met at the Thirgood Memorial CME Church, 517 Center Street, North, Birmingham, Alabama, at 7:30 p.m., April 11, 1969, as scheduled. Rev. Jesse Jackson, SCLC official, made the principal speech. He talked on poverty and said that Negroes need more money in order to live. Shortly after his talk, he departed for Chicago. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy was not present at this meeting but had returned to Atlanta.

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[redacted] that approximately 200 individuals, mostly Negroes, marched peacefully from Kelly Ingram Park

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through downtown Birmingham April 12, 1969 about 2:00 p.m. March was led by Hosea Williams, SCLC official, and was augmented by approximately 100 students from Talladega College, a predominately Negro institution at Talladega, Alabama.

Above source stated that another march was scheduled for that afternoon but that he had some doubts that it would materialize due to rainy weather and also that it was Sunday, a non-business day, and there would be very few citizens to watch the proceedings.

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[redacted] that approximately 85 individuals, mostly Negroes, marched from Kelly Ingram Park in downtown Birmingham through the business district about 5:30 p.m., April 13, 1969. The group returned to Kelly Ingram Park and then made another march through some of the downtown area and returned without incident. Source said no march was held April 14, 1969. He said Stoney Cook, SCLC worker, remarked that "the spirit did not move them to march".

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Reference Letterhead memorandum dated April 17, 1969 at Birmingham.

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SA [redacted] conducted the pretext used on 4/8/69. The pretext was [redacted]

The current Manhattan telephone directory lists the SCLC at 200 W 57th St., NYC, CI 7-3136. A call to this number determined that the SCLC office had moved and that the new number is 246-3380.

The pretext telephone call made to 246-3380 obtained the information that the SCLC office is now at 1697 Broadway, NYC.

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Title:
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

Character:
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Synopsis:

The New York Office of the SCLC is located at 1697 Broadway, NYC, and is operated by ADELE KANTER. STANLEY LEVISON has the overall supervision of this office, whose function is to solicit funds for the SCLC. LEVISON has stated that, of the money received by the SCLC, one half comes from mail contributions. JACK O'DELL has returned to work for the SCLC, and has three functions, a picture project on the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SCLC benefits, and SCLC offices in NY. HARRY WACHTEL and STANLEY LEVISON continue to advise the SCLC and CORETTA KING in particular, on matters concerning the SCLC.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). This investigation is directed solely towards establishing the extent and result of this infiltration. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is not investigating the legitimate activities of the SCLC.

A. Location

On April 8, 1969, a Special Agent (SA) of the FBI, using a suitable pretext, determined that the New York Office of the SCLC is located at 1697 Broadway, New York City.

On April 7, 1969 [redacted] advised that SCLC New York Office does business with the E.J. Creeden Company, and that the SCLC New York Office is located at 1697 Broadway, New York City.

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B. Personnel and Operation

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On various dates between October 9, 1968 and January 27, 1969, the source furnished information reflecting that STANLEY LEVISON has the overall supervision of the SCLC office in New York City, and that the function of the New York City SCLC is to solicit funds for the SCLC.

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In November, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON stated that he has had the full responsibility for an art show, a picture project and the mailing operation of the SCLC.

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On January 4, 1969, STANLEY LEVISON stated that of the money received by the SCLC, one half comes from contributions received by mail and the other half from benefits and private contributions.

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In January, 1969, STANLEY LEVISON instructed ADELE KANTER on what should be included in a fund-appeal letter.

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In December, 1968, JACK O'DELL told STANLEY LEVISON that he was seriously considering working for the SCLC, but wanted to discuss it with LEVISON.

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The Winter, 1969 issue of "Freedomways" Magazine, which is the first issue for 1969, lists JACK O'DELL under the name, J.H. O'DELL, as its Associate Managing Editor.

A characterization of Freedomways Associates Incorporated, publisher of "Freedomways" Magazine, is set forth in the appendix.

On December 16, 1968, JACK O'DELL told STANLEY LEVISON that he had begun working for the SCLC. LEVISON told O'DELL that the new office is located at 1697 Broadway, New York City, and that there was office space for O'DELL.

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During early January, 1969, STANLEY LEVISON commented that JACK O'DELL would have three functions with the SCLC in New York, a picture project on the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SCLC benefits that will be held, and whatever offices operating in New York that are SCLC or quasi SCLC.

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C. CP Influence in the National SCLC

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A characterization of the NLG is attached hereto.

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STANLEY LEVISON advised the SCLC on matters of policy and CORETTA KING, widow of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, on matters affecting her personally. [redacted]

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On December 4, 1968, CORETTA KING advised STANLEY LEVISON that HARRY WACHTEL would not be able to attend a meeting scheduled for that night and the next day. She suggested that since neither WACHTEL nor LEVISON would be able to attend this meeting, that another meeting should be called which WACHTEL and LEVISON could attend.

According to the source, LEVISON agreed with this because he felt there were too many important decisions to be made and too many important people to be selected.

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On January 4, 1969, STANLEY LEVISON, CORETTA KING, and HARRY WACHTEL, discussed the wording of a letter which was to be sent to various persons inviting them to serve on the Board of Trustees of the MARTIN LUTHER KING Memorial Center in Atlanta, Georgia. They agreed to discuss further the names of people to whom this letter should be sent.

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In January, 1969, STANLEY LEVISON stated that he is one of the primary trustees of the MARTIN LUTHER KING Memorial Center, and that he has been involved in the major planning for this center.

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On March 9, 1969, HARRY WACHTEL and STANLEY LEVISON discussed a statement which WACHTEL was preparing for CORETTA KING, expressing her opposition to the death penalty for JAMES EARL RAY, the alleged assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. They agreed upon the final version.

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APPENDIX

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

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The second Quarter, 1968, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE	Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON	Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL	Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE	Art Editor

"The Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper, June 25, 1967, Page 10, contained an article on a memorial to MIKE GOLD held at Town Hall, New York City, the previous Friday night. It said that one of the speakers was JOHN HENRIK CLARKE of "Freedomways".

"The Worker", May 21, 1967, Page 3, contained an article on the death of MIKE GOLD on May 15, 1967, in San Francisco, California. It described him as having been an author and columnist for "The Worker" for 32 years. It noted that he joined the CP "shortly after it was founded and to which he adhered till the day he died".

A third source advised on February 16, 1968, that a committee from the 6th Assembly District Club, Kings County CP, visited BUNNY DEVINE, a member of that club, on February 14, 1968, to determine why she had not attended club meetings for

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC. (CONT'D)

more than one year. BUNNY DEVINE said she had talked with JAMES JACKSON about the possibility of organizing a new club in their area with members of their intellectual and cultural level and that he was in favor of it. She said she believed her husband, JOHN DEVINE, and ESTHER JACKSON would join such a club.

A fourth source advised on April 16, 1968, that JAMES JACKSON, husband of ESTHER JACKSON, is the Chairman of the International Affairs Department, CP, USA.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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Reference is made to New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670D)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Re New York airtel and LHM, 4/1/69, captioned COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C, and Atlanta letter to Bureau, 11/1/65, captioned, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C. (W) b2 b7D

The last paragraph, Page 2 of referenced New York airtel indicates that on 4/1/69, [redacted] advised CORETTA SCOTT KING informed STANLEY LEVISON of letters she has been receiving "she said one said she should not push for January 15 being made a national holiday because persons have 'so much stuff' on MARTIN and will expose it. She added that M. L. KING's public image was different from his private image and the letter listed individuals he was involved with". [redacted]

"LEVISON said he knew some of the individuals listed in the letter. CORETTA replied that if she was a weak-minded person, it could upset her". [redacted]

In the event the Bureau is inclined to entertain counterintelligence action against CORETTA SCOTT KING and or the continuous projection of the public image of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (in which LEVISON plays a substantial part), it is suggested such action might be considered utilizing the above information furnished by [redacted] on 4/1/69 in conjunction with that set forth in referenced Atlanta letter. (W)

The Bureau's observation as to this suggestion is requested. (W)

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The Bureau does not desire counterintelligence action against Coretta King of the nature you suggest at this time.

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APPROXIMATELY NINETY INDIVIDUALS, MOSTLY NEGROES, MARCHED FROM ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ACMHR) HEADQUARTERS SIXTEEN SIXTEEN FOURTH AVE. NO., BIRMINGHAM, TO JEFFERSON COUNTY STATE WELFARE OFFICE ON EIGHTH AVE., NORTH, ABOUT TWO THIRTY PM TODAY. MARCHERS LED BY REV. L. H. WELCHEL, LOCAL BIRMINGHAM NEGRO PASTOR AND SEVERAL NEGRO SCLC WORKERS. GROUP FILED INTO SMALL JEFFERSON COUNTY WELFARE OFFICE AND PUSHED AND SHOVED AROUND AFTER GETTING IN. SOME SCLC WORKERS SAT ON REGULAR EMPLOYEES' DESK AND MR. MC DANAL, LOCAL SUPERVISOR AND HIS STAFF RETIRED TO BACK ROOM OF BUILDING AND LEFT THE FRONT OF THE OFFICE TO THE MARCHERS.

SOURCE SAID ONE OF THE PAID SCLC WORKERS SPOKE TO CROWD FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MINUTES, ATTACKING POVERTY, WHITE PEOPLE AND POLICE OFFICERS. MARCHERS THEN LEFT BUILDING AND RETURNED TO

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ACMHR HEADQUARTERS WHERE THEY DISPERSED.

SOURCE SAID SCLC LEADERS WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND GAIN NATIONAL ATTENTION AND THEIR ACTIONS NOW ARE GEARED TO THAT END.

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LOCAL DISSEMINATION MADE. REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING STATE INVESTIGATOR PRESENT, AND THEY ARE COGNIZANT OF EVENT. ~~LHM~~ MEMO FOLLOWS.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/17/69

Attached relates to a demonstration in Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/17/69 by the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, a civil rights organization. Members of this group entered the county welfare office and pushed and shoved their way around.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE MAJOR URBAN AREAS; RACIAL MATTERS.

ABOUT THREE PM TODAY NEGROES GATHERED IN KELLY INGRAM PARK, BIRMINGHAM. ABOUT THREE THIRTY, GREYHOUND TYPE BUS, WHITE OVER BLUE OVER SILVER, CURRENT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LICENSE PLATE BA THREE THREE ONE, DISCHARGED SCHOOL CHILDREN, SAID TO BE FROM ULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM. ABOUT THREE FORTY FIVE PM, GROUP OF ABOUT ONE HUNDRED BEGAN MARCH THROUGH DOWNTOWN BUSINESS STREETS AND FINALLY TO JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND SECURITY. PART OF GROUP BLOCKED DOORWAY THERETO WHILE PART OF MARCHERS WENT INTO ALLEY BEHIND THAT BUILDING AND LAID DOWN IN ALLEY, BLOCKING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. THEY WERE WARNED TO DSIPERSE, BUT THREE NEGRO MALE ADULTS AND ONE NEGRO MALE JUVENILE REFUSED TO OBEY AND WERE ARRESTED. SHORT TIME LATER ANOTHER NEGRO MALE ARRESTED AT SAME LOCATION FOR REFUSING TO OBEY OFFICER.

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MARCHERS HELD BRIEF DEMONSTRATION AT FOOD STAMP OFFICE WHERE THEY UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK EXIT OF EMPLOYEES, THEN AGAIN MARCHED TO DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA. THEY BEGAN MARCHING AROUND INTERSECTION AT FOURTH AVENUE AND SEVENTEENTH STREET, NORTH, BLOCKING VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IN ALL DIRECTIONS. POLICE MOVED IN WITH RIOT SQUAD AND ATTEMPTED TO HOLD MARCHERS ON STREET CORNERS. ONE NEGRO MALE ARRESTED, CHARGE AS YET UNKNOWN. TWO NEGRO FEMALES KEPT PUSHING CHILDREN OUT INTO STREET AND WERE THEMSELVES ARRESTED. ONE OF FEMALES RESISTED ARREST AND WAS FORCIBLY ESCORTED TO PATROL CARS BY OFFICERS. HER NAME AS YET UNKNOWN BUT BELIEVED TO BE ELOISE LEWIS (PHONETIC) REPORTEDLY FROM ATLANTA. THEREAFTER MARCHERS RETURNED TO KELLY INGRAM PARK AND DISPERSED ABOUT SIX THIRTY PM.

TOTAL OF EIGHT ARRESTED. IDENTITIES BEING OBTAINED. AMONG THOSE ARRESTED WERE LEMUEL JONES, SELMA, ALABAMA; MELVIN REECE, PRATT CITY, ALABAMA; ELMAN BURRELL, BIRMINGHAM; AND SYLVESTER SHEFFIELD, ATLANTA, GA.

OBSERVED AMONG MARCHERS WERE HERMAN LEON O'NEAL AND RICHARD L. WOODS, BOTH SCLC STAFF WORKERS FROM ATLANTA. ANOTHER

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MARCHER WAS POSSIBLY DON (JOEY) WILLIAMS, SCLC, ATLANTA.

ADMINISTRATIVE: ARMY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS ON SCENE THROUGHOUT ABOVE RELATED EVENTS. OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES BEING ADVISED. MEMO ~~LHM~~ FOLLOWS. PERSONAL EVALUATION OF SAC IS THAT SITUATION IN BIRMINGHAM IS EXTREMELY TENSE. IT APPEARS OBVIOUS PURPOSE OF MARCHERS IS TO CREATE DISTURBANCE AND GET A LARGE NUMBER OF MARCHERS ARRESTED TO FOCUS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ON MARCHERS. THESE DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE TO BE UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF SCLC WHO TERMS IT SECOND PHASE OF POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN. I EXPECT MARCHES TO CONTINUE AND EXPECT ADDITIONAL ARRESTS. MY OPINION LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH SITUATION AT PRESENT AND FOR FORSEEBALE FUTURE WITHOUT NECESSITY FOR CALLING IN TROOPS.

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AND FIVE EIGHT J SIX TWO THREE, AND SYNOPTIC BACKGROUND IF AVAILABLE OF REGISTERED OWNERS.

MOBILE FURNISH SYNOPTIC BACKGROUND READILY AVAILABLE RE LEMUEL JONES, SELMA, ALABAMA, AND KEEP BIRMINGHAM ADVISED OF ANY OTHER SCLC WORKERS KNOWN TO BE IN BIRMINGHA AREA.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/21/69

Attached relates to a demonstration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/21/69 during which eight persons were arrested on charges ranging from resisting arrest to obstructing traffic. Demonstration termed second phase of Poor Peoples Campaign. (

Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit of Department and pertinent portions of attached will be included in a teletype summary to White House and other interested agencies.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS. RM.

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FOLLOWING WAS OBSERVED BY FBI AGENTS AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA., APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

AT TWO FIFTYFIVE P.M., APPROXIMATELY FIFTY NEGROES, MOSTLY TEENAGERS AND CHILDREN, LEFT IN SINGLE FILE MARCH FROM ONE SIX ONE SIX FOURTH AVE. NORTH, HEADQUARTERS OF ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ACMHR). THEY MARCHED THROUGH THE NEGRO BUSINESS SECTION, PAST THE BIRMINGHAM CITY HALL, AND STOPPED AT JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND SECURITY ON EIGHTH AVE. NORTH. AT THIS POINT, ONE OF SCLC LEADERS MADE SHORT SPEECH CONCERNING POVERTY AND NEED FOR FOOD AND OTHER BENEFITS. THIS INDIVIDUAL HELD PEACEFUL CONVERSATION WITH MR. (FNU) PUGH, WHO STATED HE WAS A DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND SECURITY. SCLC LEADER REQUESTED FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

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IMMEDIATELY. MR. PUGH SAID HE HAD NO FOOD AT THIS BUILDING AND THE OFFICE OF PENSIONS AND SECURITY WAS NOT SET UP TO FURNISH FOOD ON THAT BASIS. MR. PUGH AGREED TO CALL MR. RUBEN KING, HEAD OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND SECURITY, MONTGOMERY, ALA., ABOUT THIS MATTER.

GROUP MARCHED ON THROUGH DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM AND SEVERAL OF THEM WERE HEARD TO CURSE WHITE PEOPLE IN LOW VOICE AS THEY PASSED ALONG. A YOUNG WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTYFIVE, RICHARD LESLIE FRYE, THREE ONE ONE SEVEN AVENUE "G", ENSLEY, BIRMINGHAM, STRUCK ONE OF THE MARCHERS. HE WAS QUESTIONED BY A BIRMINGHAM POLICE OFFICE AND SAID THE MARCHER HAD CALLED HIM A SOB. LEADER OF SCLC MARCHING GROUP SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO PRESS ANY CHARGES AND THE BIRMINGHAM POLICE RELEASED FRYE. MARCH CONTINUED ON PROCEEDING DOWN TWENTIETH STREET NORTH AND BACK TO ACMHR HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS PRESENT DURING MARCH, AS WELL AS CITY, COUNTY AND STATE AUTHORITIES. OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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FBI AGENTS OBSERVED FOLLOWING EVENTS APRIL TWENTYSECOND INSTANT, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

AT ONE FIFTEEN P.M., APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY NEGROES, INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY TWENTY CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS, LEFT IN SINGLE FILE MARCH TOWARD BIRMINGHAM CITY HALL. THE GROUP STOPPED FOR A MOMENT, KNELT DOWN AND HAD A PRAYER IN FRONT OF CITY HALL. GROUP THEN MARCHED BY CITY LIBRARY AND NEARBY JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, RETURNED TO VICINITY OF CITY HALL, PASSED IN FRONT OF MAIN POST OFFICE ON FIFTH AVENUE NORTH. THE GROUP TURNED NORTH ON SEVENTEENTH STREET, MARCHED THROUGH KELLY INGRAM PARK AND WENT TO HEADQUARTERS OF ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ACMHR).

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ONE SIX ONE SIX FOURTH AVE. NORTH. THEY REACHED THIS POINT AT APPROXMATELY TWO P.M. AFTER STAYING A FEW MINUTES AT ACMHR HEADQUARTERS GETTING COLD DRINKS, ETC., THEY THEN MARCHED AROUND BLOCK AND REENTERED KELLY INGRAM PARK. SOME OF SCLC WORKERS BROUGHT THEM BOX LUNCHES, WHICH THEY ATE IN PARK AND SEVERAL OF THE YOUNGER MEMBERS ENGAGED IN FOOTBALL GAME. BY THREE THIRTY P.M. ALL HAD DISPERSED FROM PARK. LEAFLET DISTRIBUTED IN PARK INDICATED ANOTHER PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD THIS DATE AT SEVEN THIRTY P.M. AT THIRGOOD MEMORIAL CME CHURCH, FIVE ONE SEVEN CENTER STREET, NORTH.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND DURING THIS MARCH.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS PRESENT DURING MARCH, AS WELL AS CITY, COUNTY AND STATE AUTHORITIES. OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY-ONE, SIXTY-NINE.

ONE ELOISE LEWIS, N/F, AGE THIRTY-EIGHT IN SIXTY-EIGHT OF JEFFERSONVILLE, GA., ONE OF FIFTY-ONE ADULTS ARRESTED DEC. FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT BY GSP DURING DEMONSTRATION AND BLOCKADE OF SEVERAL STORES IN JEFFERSONVILLE, DEC. FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT, RELEASED ON TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF NAACP. NO HEARING CONDUCTED TO DATE.

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RE HERMAN LEON O'NEAL, N/M, MIAMI ADVISED ON AUGUST THIRTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, ONE HERMAN L. O'NEAL OF SIX THREE FIVE EAST DAVANT ST., MEMPHIS, TENN., ON AUGUST TWELVE, SIXTY-EIGHT RENTED CAR IN MIAMI. IN RENTING CAR EXHIBITED TENN. DRIVER'S LIC. TWO SIX ZERO FIVE SEVEN SIX ONE REFLECTING DOB JUNE THIRTEEN, THIRTY-FIVE. CLAIMED SCLC EMPLOYMENT EXHIBITING "SCLC CARD THREE ZERO ONE". NOT INVOLVED ANY DISTURBANCES.

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ON AUGUST TWENTY-NINE, SIXTY-EIGHT SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST ADVISED O'NEAL HAD IN PAST BEEN EMPLOYED AS SCLC FIELD ORGANIZER BUT NO RECENT CONNECTION RECALLED. STATED SCLC CARDS REFLECTING EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP DO NOT BEARNUMBERS. HERMAN O'NEAL, N/M, BORN JUNE TEN, THIRTY-FIVE, MEMPHIS, TENN., SIX FT., TWO THIRTY POUNDS, INTERVIEWED BY ATLANTA APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY-NINE AS ONE OF SEVERAL VICTIMS IN PENDING CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION IN WHICH MISCONDUCT OF SYLVESTER, GA. POLICE OFFICERS DURING FEBRUARY SIXTY-NINE SYLVESTER DEMONSTRATION ALLEGED. O'NEAL ARRESTED WHILE TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARRESTS OF OTHER DEMONSTRATORS. CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT AS SCLC FIELD STAFF WORKER.

ATLANTA INDICES REFLECT NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCE TO RICHARD L. WOODS.

RECORDS GEORGIA STATE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU REFLECT SIXTY-NINE GEOPGIA LIC. FIVE EIGHT J SIX TWO THREE REGISTERED TO ANDRE LOMER HOOKER, ONE ZERO SEVEN SOUTH ALBANY AVE., SYLVESTER, GA., FOR SIXTY-EIGHT PLYMOUTH, TWO-DOOR, HARDTOP. ATLANTA INDICES NEGATIVE RE HOOKER.

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SIXTY-NINE LIC. TWO J THREE ZERO SIX SEVEN TWO REGISTERED TO JOSEPH LESTER HANKERSON, ONE ZERO ZERO TWO ATLANTA AVE., DECATUR, GA., FOR SIXTY-NINE PLYMOUTH FURY II, FOUR-DOOR, SEDAN. ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU FEB. EIGHT, SIXTY-EIGHT CAPTIONED WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM., ON PAGES TWELVE AND THIRTEEN SETS FORTH DESCRIPTIVE DATA RE HANKERSON. HANKERSON CONTINUES TO BE EMPLOYED AS SCLC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 4/18/69, showing that STANLEY LEVISON assisted CORETTA KING with her book and was successful in getting things into the book such as the Vietnam War and M. L. KING's attitude toward black nationalists. (C)

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Communist Infiltration of the
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 18, 1969, that, according to Stanley Levison, he has been working with Coretta King on her forthcoming book because it had to be completed by April 19, 1969, or publication would have been suspended until 1970. Levison stated that, due to finishing the book just prior to the deadline, he was able to get some things into it that the publisher wanted to keep out. He said these were things such as the Vietnam war and the fact that Martin Luther King did not have a one - dimensional, negative attitude toward black militants and black nationalists but rather that they had mutual respect.

Stanley Levison

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The attached pertains to a book being written by Coretta King, widow of the late Martin Luther King, Jr. Arrangements with the publisher (named Holt) were made by Stanley David Levison, a secret communist as late as 1963, who has also assisted in writing the book which has to do with Mrs. King's life with Martin Luther King, Jr. The publisher offered Mrs. King $750,000 to write the book. [6]

Attached will be furnished the Inter-Division Information Unit, Internal Security Division and the Civil Rights Division of the Department, Secret Service, and the Army. [W]

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Re Chicago teletype 4/15/69, under the above caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM regarding the two day SCLC affair in Chicago, 4/15 - 16/69. Copies as indicated are being provided to Atlanta, Louisville, and WFO for their information.

Any subsequent pertinent information received by Chicago concerning the matter set forth in the enclosed, will be appropriately disseminated to the Bureau and any interested offices.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
(SCLC)

On April 15, 1969, [redacted] advised as follows: b7D

The SCLC is sponsoring a two day series of meetings in Chicago, Illinois, over the period April 15-16, 1969, during which plans for the so called second phase of the SCLC Poor People's Campaign (PPC) will be formulated and publicized. During this series of meeting it is anticipated that SCLC plans for a general attack on poverty in the United States will be forth coming.

As of the afternoon of April 15, 1969, Reverend Ralph Abernathy, President, SCLC, had arrived in Chicago to appear during the evening hours of this date in a public rally at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Chicago's south side. Other SCLC officials in Chicago, as of this time, included Reverend Andrew Young and Hosea Williams. Martin Luther King, Senior, and Mrs. Corretta King, the father and wife, respectively, of the deceased Martin Luther King, Jr., are expected to arrive in Chicago later this date to participate in the SCLC meetings. [redacted] advised that at the public rally scheduled for the evening of April 15, 1969, SCLC was to be presented with a check for approximately $1,400 from the Mc Donald Hamburger Chain, the gift representing a memorial for Martin Luther King, Jr., former SCLC President. b7D

[redacted] the SCLC has no plans for protest type demonstrations or activities during this two day series of meetings and no problem or disturbances are anticipated.

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Re: Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

The Chicago press media afforded extensive coverage to SCLC activities during the above period. The "Chicago Daily News," a daily Chicago newspaper, edition of April 16, 1969, contained an article relative to the public rally held the evening of April 15, 1969, referred to previously, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 4501 South Vincennes, Chicago, According to this article Reverend Abernathy was the principle speaker. During his remarks he called for an end to the war in Viet Nam, abolition of the present draft system for military service, and poverty generally in this country. He stated that no nation should be allowed to spend billions for a war abroad while people are starving at home. Abernathy stated "Hunger in America is the most alive issue today. America is burying its food, dumping it in rivers, and spending billions for storage in warehouses. Why not store it in the stomachs of children in Africa, India - and right here in Illinois..." Abernathy stated that the second phase of the PPC would try to reach various goals aimed at liberating poor people. He listed the following demands which SCLC was making in this regard:

1. Uniform welfare payments;
2. Free food stamps for all families with income under $3,000 a year;
3. Jobs for all persons who are unemployed;
4. Repeal of a projected federal freeze, which he stated was to take effect in July, 1969, upon the number of persons eligible for welfare; and
5. Regulation of payments to the poor to match the increasing cost of living.

This news article reflected that all plans for the second phase of the PPC were being worked out at meetings of the SCLC's Board of Directors, being held over this two day period.

Also speaking at this rally were two relatives of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., that is, Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr., and Reverand A. D. Williams King, of Louisville, the latter the brother of Martin Luther King, Jr. A standing ovation had twice interupted the late Doctor King's brother as he said, "The problems facing America today do not come from without, but are presently within. With all we have in America, we are still in deep trouble."

The late SCLC leader's father, reacting to the size and enthusiam of the crowd of some 2,000 persons, had stated "For me this is a tonic that goes a little deeper then joy. What you have given me cannot be put in jail and can't be locked up."

The "Daily Defender," a daily Chicago newspaper, edition of April 16, 1969, primarily serving Chicago's south side, also contained an article regarding the SCLC meetings. The article identified members of the Board of Directors and national staff, SCLC who were present for the meetings as follows:

Reverend Andrew Young,
Executive Vice-President of SCLC

Reverend James Bevel

Bernard Lafayette,
identified in the article as being
from Mississippi

Reverend J. E. Lowery,
identified as Chairman of the Board of
Directors, SCLC

Re: Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth identified as Secretary of the Board of Directors, SCLC

Reverend Jesse L. Jackson of Chicago, Northern Director of SCLC's Operation Breadbasket.

The April 17, 1969, edition of the "Chicago Sun Times," a daily Chicago newspaper, contained an article regarding a press conference held on April 16, 1969, at the Monumental Baptist Church, 729 East Oakwood, by Reverend Abernathy. At this press conference, Reverend Abernathy discussed the details of the forth coming second phase of the SCLC's PPC. According to this article, Abernathy stated that the first nation wide activities surrounding the new drive would be a Mother's Day March. May 11. 1969. and rally in Washington, D.C. Throughout the remainder of that week, according to Abernathy, a committee of 100 poor people would vist various members of Congress, various Cabinet members, and the White House to present a list of demands drafted by the 54 member SCLC Board of Directors during its spring meetings in Chicago, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Abernathy identified these demands specifically as follows:

1. A call for federal action to provide free food stamps to families earning less then $3,00 a year;
2. Inactment of uniform national welfare standards "so that welfare rights are nation wide;"
3. More vigorous enforcement of legislation withholding federal contracts from companies practicing racial discrimination in employment;

4. An ending to the "senseless, vicious, and ungodly war in Viet Nam;"
5. Federal action to "provide productive jobs and training work;"
6. Repeal of the scheduled July 1, 1969, government freeze on welfare payments to mothers under Aid to Dependant Children provisions designating those eligilbe for employment;
7. Federal payments to the poor proportionate to increases in the cost of living;
8. More vigorous enforcement "North and South" of federal guidelines for withholding funds from school districts that failed to desegregate.

It was further announced at this press conference that the Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy, Washington, D.C., would be national co-ordinator of the second phase of the PPC. Reverend Fauntroy was present at this press conference and stated that there would not be another Resurrection City constructed in Washington, D.C., or elsewhere, but that phase two of the PPC "would focus on direct action campaigns in local communities where actions are needed," not necessarily in the nation's capitol.

Reverend Abernathy also stated at this press conference that the main issue of the Chicago campaign, to be led by Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, would be "jobs and government contracts."

Further concerning this press conference of April 16, 1969, an article appeared in the April 17, 1969, edition of the "Daily Defender," referred to previously. In additon to information similar to that set forth previously, this article had stated that it would be SCLC's intention to dramatize the issue of poverty through coordinanted local actions. Each selected locality would focus its attention on one particular phase of the demands identified previously, a demand most pertinent to that area, and would correct this problem "throught demonstrations."

that this effort would attempt to get support from people at a grass roots level in order to force action on their demands at the national government level. It was expected that when issues vital to the poor were discussed in Washington, the poor of the nation would come to the nations's capitol to wage massive demonstration for their rights.

In explaining the psychology behind the second phase of the PPC, Rever[illegible] Abernathy was quoted as having stated "There are three levels of non-violence; reason, suffering and the massing of coercive power. We attempted to reason in Washington in 1968 and anyone who was there will testify that we suffered. In the second chapter we intend to develop a coercive organization of political and economic power on the local level that will develop a groundswell of protest against the plight of the poor around us."

[redacted] advised on April 17, 1969, that the SCLC affair in Chicago had concluded on April 16, 1969, and various SCLC officials here for these meetings had departed. He advised that there had been no incidents or disturbances in connection with the SCLC meetings over the period of April 15-16, 1969. [redacted] advised that he had no information reflecting that Mrs. Coretta King, the widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., had been in Chicago for this series of meetings. b7D

A copy of this memorandum is being provided to Secret Service, Chicago, the office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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COMINFIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS; RACIAL MATTERS.

ABOUT ONE TWENTY PM CST TODAY AT BIRMINGHAM, GROUP OF EIGHTY NEGROES, OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY HALF WERE CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS, BEGAN MARCH FROM ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH IN BIRMINGHAM. THEY CARRIED SIGNS BEARING LETTERS SCLC AT BOTTOM. THEY MARCHED TO ALABAMA STATE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND SECURITY, AND JEFFERSON COUNTY FOOD STAMP OFFICE IN THAT ORDER, SINGING AND LISTENING TO SPEECHES BY LEADERS. CITY, COUNTY AND STATE OFFICERS PRESENT AT ALL TIMES. MARCHERS BEGAN TO DISPERSE ABOUT FOUR PM BUT SEVEN WOMEN AND TWO BABIES REMAINED IN FOOD STAMP OFFICE, EVIDENCING INTENT TO STAY ALL NIGHT. THESE WERE PEACEFULLY REMOVED BY LOCAL OFFICERS AT SEVEN THIRTY PM BUT NOT ARRESTED AND THEY THEN LEFT AREA. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT PROCEEDINGS.

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REV. CALVIN WOODS, LOCAL MINISTER AND SCLC CONVENER, SPOKE AT SECOND STOP IN NON-VIOLENT LANGUAGE BUT SPEECH MAKING TAKEN OVER THERE BY INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE ROBERT JOHNSON, PRESUMABLY SCLC STAFF WORKER, WHO BITTERLY DENOUNCED ONLOOKING OFFICERS IN EXTREMELY MILITANT TERMS AND REPEATED SAME AT LAST STOP. A NEGRO MALE CALLED JOEY BY GROUP AND POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH DON (JOEY) WILLIAMS, SCLC STAFF WORKER, LED MARCHERS IN SINGING.

ABOUT THREE PM A WHITE MALE, ABOUT FORTY YEARS OLD, JOINED MARCHERS AT THIRD STOP AND WAS INTRODUCED TO MARCHERS BY PERSON BELIEVED TO BE ROBERT JOHNSON AS "OUR LAWYER FROM MISSISSIPPI" AND WHO WAS LATER REFERRED TO AS BLACKIE OR LACKIE ROE OR ROWE OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. THIS WHITE MALE LEFT A SHORT TIME LATER WITH THE MORE MILITANT LEADERS.

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FROM ATLANTA (100-5718)

COMINFIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS; RACIAL MATTERS.

ATLANTA FILES SHOW ONE ROBERT EDWARD JOHNSON, [redacted]

[redacted] NEGRO, MALE, DATE OF BIRTH

JULY SEVENTEEN THIRTYNINE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FIVE FEET

NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTYTHREE POUNDS, BLACK KINKY HAIR,

FIVE TWENTYEIGHT WINTON TERRACE, N. E., ATLANTA, ARRESTED

ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER ELEVEN SIXTYSIX ON

CHARGE OF DC RIOT, THIS IN CONNECTION WITH RACIAL DISTURBANCE

IN ATLANTA. THE FILE CONTAINS NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED

CONCERNING JOHNSON SINCE THE TIME OF INSTANT ARREST, AND

THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT HE IS OR HAS BEEN CONNECTED

WITH SCLC.

BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE, ATLANTA IS UNABLE TO

IDENTIFY ONE DON JOEY WILLIAMS AS BEING CONNECTED WITH

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ReRHtel 4/22/69, advising that AB & W Transit Company, Alexandria, Virginia, had advised that D.C. bus license number BA 331 is not issued to an AB & W bus.

On 4/23/69, records of the D.C. DMV were rechecked and it was determined that information previously furnished to WFO by the DMV concerning D.C. bus license number BA 331 was in error. According to DMV the license is issued to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 812 S Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., for a 1951 GMC bus.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-438794)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115)(157-304) 2P

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS. RM.

FBI AGENTS OBSERVED FOLLOWING EVENTS APRIL TWENTYSIX INSTANT:

AT APPROXIMATELY ONE FORTY P.M., ABOUT NINETY-SEVEN NEGROES, INCLUDING PROBABLY FIFTY PERCENT WOMEN AND CHILDREN, LED BY ROBERT JOHNSON AND REV. OLIVER TAYLOR, SCLC WORKERS, LEFT KELLY INGRAM PARK AND MARCHED THROUGH PART OF DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT OF BIRMINGHAM. AT FIRST AVENUE AND TWENTIETH STREET NORTH, TWO NEGRO MALES WERE ARRESTED, APPARENTLY FOR DISOBEYING A POLICE OFFICER INASMUCH AS THEY WERE TRYING TO BLOCK INTERSECTION. THE GROUP THEN MARCHED BACK TO KELLY INGRAM PARK. AFTER RESTING A FEW MINUTES GROUP LEFT PARK AND MARCHED TO FOURTH AVENUE AND SEVENTEENTH STREET NORTH, WHERE NINE WOMEN AND THREE MEN WERE ARRESTED. GROUP THEN RETURNED ONCE AGAIN TO KELLY INGRAM PARK WHER THEY DISPERSED.

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THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE OR OTHER INCIDENTS DURING THIS MARCH.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

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Attached for the Bureau are 11 copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated to local military intelligence agencies, U. S. Attorney and Secret Service, Birmingham.

One copy of the above letterhead memorandum is attached for the Atlanta and Mobile offices. b1

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Birmingham, Alabama
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RE: DEMONSTRATION BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA APRIL 18, 1969

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At about 1:20 p.m. on April 18, 1969, a group of about eighty Negroes, of which approximately one-half were children and teenagers, began a march from the St. Paul Methodist Church in Birmingham. The marchers carried signs bearing the letters "SCLC" at the bottom. They then marched to the Alabama State Employment office, 1816 8th Avenue, North, where a small number entered and ostensibly made application for employment. Thereafter the group marched to the Jefferson County Department of Pensions and Security, 2020 8th Avenue, North. A demonstration was held in front of this office, consisting of singing, chanting and speeches. City, county and state officers were present at this time.

Rev. Calvin W. Woods, nonviolent minister of the East End Baptist Church in Birmingham and Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) city convenor, made a plea for better treatment of poor people. He was followed by a very militant speaker, tentatively identified as Robert Johnson, believed to be a SCLC staff worker. Johnson bitterly denounced the onlooking officers in extremely militant terms. Among the things Johnson said was that all white people are sick and

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"hung up" on race. A Negro male called "Joey" (phonetic) by the group, and possibly identical with Don (Joey) Williams, SCLC Staff Worker, led the marchers in singing. The group then marched to the Jefferson County Food Stamp Program office, 805 North 22nd Street. There the Negro male believed to be Robert Johnson delivered another diatribe in which he said, among other things, that the FBI could not find the killer of Martin Luther King, Jr., but the killer was found by the English.

About 3:00 p.m., the group was joined by a white male approximately forty years of age who was introduced to the marchers as "our lawyer from Mississippi who hails from Memphis, Tennessee". This white male was called "Blackie" or "Lackie" Rowe (phonetic) by some in the group. This individual afterwards left the group with Robert Johnson and two other of the more militants in the group. The marchers then began to dwindle.

There was no violence during this demonstration.

The Birmingham Post Herald, April 18, 1969 issue, printed an article which stated in part, "A group of angry protestors took over the front offices and the receptionist's desk of the Department of Pensions and Security Thursday (April 17, 1969) after employees moved to the back of the building to get away from shouting militants. Members of the group, led by staff members of SCLC, apparently were upset after an employee of the office was accused of pushing a pregnant woman. The woman, Mrs. Joan Carol Lukerson, 2424 9th Avenue, South, was taken to University Hospital, examined and released, according to officials. Miss Lillie Johnson, 1304 Avenue T, Ensley, apparently fainted and was also examined at the hospital and released."

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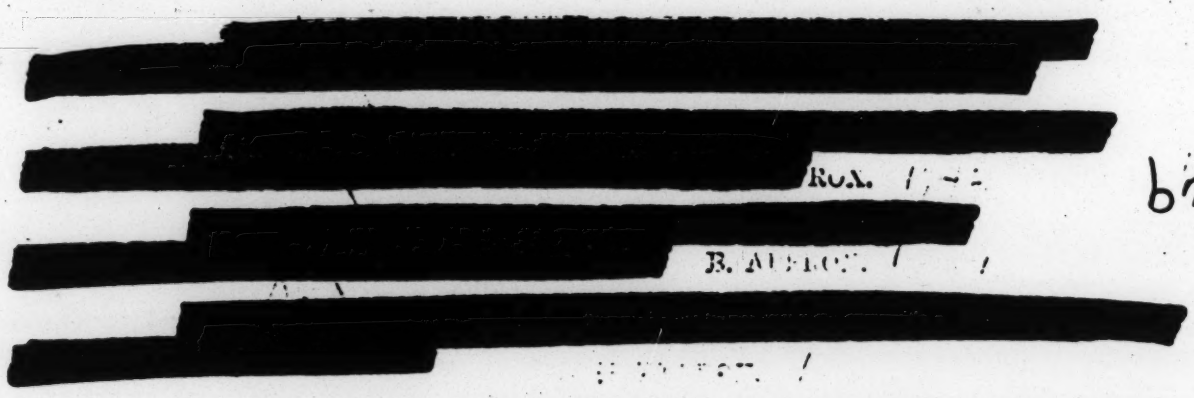
At approximately 2:17 p.m. on April 19, 1969 demonstrators left 1616 4th Avenue, North, Birmingham, SCLC headquarters, and marched into downtown Birmingham. Return-

ing to 1616 4th Avenue, North, demonstrators reached the intersection of 17th Street, North, where they proceeded to march from corner to corner until the intersection was completely blocked. Demonstrators then branched off, continuing west on 4th Avenue, North, toward point of origin.

Birmingham Police Department motorcycle officers escorting marchers were surrounded in intersection. One officer, to regain escorting position, crossed one line of marchers. The following officer encountered organized resistance and had his motorcycle tipped over by demonstrators.



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No violence occurred after the arrests. The crowd was ordered by Birmingham Police Department to disperse, which they immediately complied with.

Within an hour of above incident, hand-printed throwaways appeared on the streets of Birmingham which read:

"Birmingham:

"Saturday we marched got beaten and arrested because we are hundry and poor
"Join our non-violent fight
"Attend - the movement's mass meeting Monday night, April 21, 1969, 7:00 p.m.
"St. Mark C.M.E. Church
"201 - Iota Avenue, Tittusville
"Sponsored by S.C.L.C. and other groups."

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Title DEMONSTRATION BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA APRIL 18, 1969

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead memorandum dated April 21, 1969 at Birmingham.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS. RM.

FBI AGENTS OBSERVED FOLLOWING EVENTS APRIL TWENTYFOUR INSTANT AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

AT ONE THIRTY P.M., APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED TWO NEGROES, INCLUDING SEVERAL CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS, LEFT KELLY INGRAM PARK AND MARCHED TO ONE SIX ONE SIX FOURTH AVENUE NORTH, HEADQUARTERS OF ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ACMHR). THE GROUP PASSED BY ACMHR HEADQUARTERS AND AFTER WALKING SEVERAL BLOCKS IN DOWNTOWN BUSINESS SECTION TURNED WEST ON SEVENTH AVENUE NORTH INTO THE PARK AT JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE. THE GROUP ENTERED THE COURTHOUSE ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND STARTED MARCHING AROUND AND AROUND INSIDE THE COURTHOUSE. HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC OFFICIAL, APPEARED TO BE IN CHARGE AT THIS POINT. AFTER A FEW MINUTES, CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF RAYMOND BELCHER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA,

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ADVISED MARCHERS THEY WERE BREAKING THE LAW AND TO LEAVE COURT HOUSE. THEY IMMEDIATELY WENT OUTSIDE, WHERE HOSEA WILLIAMS MADE HEATED AND INFLAMATORY REMARKS CONCERNING SHERIFF MEL BAILEY OF JEFFERSON COUNTY AND INSULTED POLICE OFFICERS PRESENT AROUND HIM BY STATING THEY WERE PAID VERY LITTLE AND ALL OF THEM HAD TO STEAL TO MAKE A LIVING.

AT APPROXIMATELY TWO FORTYFIVE P.M., GROUP LEFT COURTHOUSE AND MARCHED BACK TO KELLY INGRAM PARK WHERE, AFTER A LITTLE SPEECH MAKING, GROUP DISPERSED FROM PARK.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND DURING THIS MARCH WITH EXCEPTION OF PUTTING THE MARCHERS OUT OF COURTHOUSE AS MENTIONED ABOVE.

FOLLOWING OUT OF STATE SCLC WORKERS OBSERVED IN MARCH: HOSEA LORENZO WILLIAMS, ATLANTA, GA.; JOSEPH LESTER HANKERSON, DECATUR, GA.; DON (JOEY) WILLIAMS; ROBERT JOHNSON, BELIEVED OF GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES PRESENT DURING MARCH, AS WELL AS CITY, COUNTY AND STATE AUTHORITIES. OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Reference Atlanta LHM, dated and captioned as above.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 4/22/69, concerning the strike of Local 1199B in Charleston, South Carolina.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on April 22, 1969, that on that date Stanley Levison discussed the hospital workers strike in Charleston, South Carolina with a person whom the source believed to be Moe Foner of Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Employees Union, New York City. - P. MEMBER

Foner told Levison that the national networks are covering the situation and that Charleston is upset. He noted that T. Y. Rogers, SCLC official, was due to arrive in Charleston that night, that on Wednesday, April 23, 1969, there was to be a meeting of high school students which Andy (Young), SCLC Executive Vice-President was to attend, and that on Thursday, April 24, 1969, a rally is to be held with Andy (Young) and the wife of Ralph Abernathy, the President of the SCLC. Foner continued that on Friday morning, April 25, 1969, Ralph Abernathy would be present for a rally and mass march which will result in a confrontation.

Foner related that Abernathy said he would invite Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., to be present on Thursday night. Foner felt that it would be better for Coretta King to be present on Friday because he believes there will be some arrests on that day. He said it would be better if she is present when there are arrests so that they can mount a protest if that occurs.

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Foner discussed the possibility of getting Ethel Kennedy to go to Charleston, South Carolina to lend her support. Levison noted that she is not a doer but there is no harm in asking her. He said the thing to do is to say that Ethel Kennedy is being invited because an indication has been received from Coretta King that she is prepared to go to Charleston.

Foner praised the leadership and speaking ability of Mary Ann Moultrie, President of Local 1199B of the hospital workers in Charleston. He noted that the leaders of the Negro community in Charleston are leaders in name only and have not been able to produce people.

Levison gave his opinion that the strike could be a history-making one if the people keep with it. He said he would like to see the celebrities and press interviews spaced out so that it lasts much longer. He said a little news should be given day-by-day.

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"The New York Journal American", a former evening New York City newspaper, in its issue of February 5, 1947, contained an article which reflected that Moe Foner was banned from membership in the Flushing Chapter of the American Veterans Committee because he admitted he was a Communist.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

4/24/69

Attached pertains to a strike by hospital workers in Charleston, South Carolina, in which the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., has taken an interest. Stanley Levison and Moe Foner, both former communists, discussed a march in Charleston on 4/25/69, which might result in a confrontation and arrests. It was indicated that Mrs. Coretta King would be invited as well as the possibility of getting Mrs. Robert Kennedy to go.

Attached to be furnished Inter-Division Information Unit, Internal Security Division of the Department, Civil Rights Division of the Department, Secret Service, and Army.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-115; 157-204 P

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS. RM.

FBI AGENTS OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE, INSTANT.

AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FIFTY P.M., ABOUT SIXTYFOUR NEGROES, INCLUDING TWELVE CHILDREN, LED BY HERMAN LEON O'NEAL, SCLC WORKER FROM MEMPHIS, TENN., LEFT KELLY INGRAM PARK BIRMINGHAM AND MARCHED THROUGH PART OF THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY FOOD STAMP CENTER NEAR EIGHTH AVENUE AND TWENTYSECOND STREET NORTH. MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS CROWDED NEAR THE BACK DOOR OF THE FOOD STAMP CENTER AND WERE APPARENTLY BLOCKING THE REAR DOOR. BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTED SIX WOMEN AND TWO MEN AT THIS POINT AND CARRIED THEM AWAY IN THE PADDY WAGON.

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THE REMAINDER OF THE GROUP LEFT THE FOOD STAMP BUILDING AND WALKED TO THE INTERSECTION OF EIGHTH AVENUE AND TWENTYSECOND STREET NORTH AND BEGAN TO CIRCLE THE INTERSECTION. SEVERAL OF THEM LAY

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DOWN IN THE INTERSECTION. THE POLICE GAVE THEM ONE MINUTE TO GET UP. THEY FAILED TO GET UP, AND TEN ADULTS AND TWO JUVENILES WERE ARRESTED AT THIS POINT. AMONG THOSE ARRESTED IN THE INTERSECTION WAS HERMAN LEON O'NEAL, MENTIONED ABOVE.

APPROXIMATELY TWENTYSEVEN MARCHERS REMAINED AFTER THIS ARREST. THESE MARCHED TO THE PENSIONS AND SECURITY BUILDING ON EIGHTH AVENUE NORTH. THEY ATTEMPTED TO GET IN, AND AN OFFICIAL SAID THAT HE WOULD PERMIT ONE AT A TIME TO ENTER. NO ONE ACTUALLY ENTERED, AND IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES ALL THE MARCHERS DEPARTED AND WENT BACK TO KELLY INGRAM PARK, WHERE THEY DISPERSED.

NO OTHER INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING THE MARCH.

ADMINISTRATIVE; LOCAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCIES AGENCIES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WERE PRESENT DURING THE MARCH. OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE ARRESTED WILL BE OBTAINED AND SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-438794)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115)(157-804) 2P

DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, APRIL TWENTYNINE - THIRTY, SIXTYNINE. RM. OO BIRMINGHAM.

FBI AGENTS OBSERVED THAT ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST SCLC DID NOT CONDUCT ANY STREET MARCHES.

ON APRIL THIRTY INSTANT, FBI AGENTS OBSERVED FOLLOWING EVENTS:

AT TWO P.M., ABOUT FORTY-SIX NEGROES, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, LED BY JOHNNY BURRELL, BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, LEFT KELLY INGRAM PARK, BIRMINGHAM, AND MARCHED ON VARIOUS STREETS OF DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM TO JEFFERSON COUNTY PENSIONS AND SECURITY BUILDING ON EIGHTH AVENUE NORTH. THE GROUP STOOD IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING AND SOME OF LEADERS, NAMES UNKNOWN, SPOKE FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AGAINST POVERTY IN GENERAL. THEY THEN MARCHED ON TO JEFFERSON COUNTY FOOD STAMP BUILDING, WHICH IS JUST OFF EIGHTH AVENUE NORTH, ABOUT THREE BLOCKS FROM PENSIONS AND SECURITY BUILDING.

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WHERE THEY SPOKE FOR ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES OUTSIDE OF BUILDING. THEY THEN PROCEEDED ON VARIOUS DOWNTOWN STREETS TO KELLY INGRAM PARK, WHERE THEY DISPERSED ABOUT THREE FORTYFIVE P.M. WITHOUT INCIDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE;

LOCAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND STATE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES PRESENT DURING MARCH. LHM FOLLOWS. AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND MOBILE.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/23/69

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has been conducting demonstrations in Birmingham, Alabama which demonstrations they have referred to as the second Poor Peoples Campaign.

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